



Norfolk County Council

Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

2022

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The quality of early education and childcare in Norfolk continues to be high and there is sufficient childcare to meet the needs of families across Norfolk.

96% of early years providers in Norfolk were judged as good or outstanding in their most recent Ofsted inspection. Our information for families continues to be well used and has been enhanced with short films to support families, including those whose children have additional needs to access high quality childcare. Take up has improved, we particularly targeted increasing take up from disadvantaged families with two-year-old children and take up has improved significantly.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 The Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA) outlines how Norfolk County Council secures sufficient childcare, so far as is reasonably practicable, for working parents, or parents who are studying or training for employment, for children from birth to 14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). The compiling and publication of this CSA meets Norfolk County Council's (NCC) statutory duty under sections 6, and 7 of the Childcare Act 2006, and is also in line with local authority statutory guidance.

- 2.2 This report focusses on two key areas of the childcare market in Norfolk:

- measuring the demand for, and supply of, childcare within the seven districts of Norfolk
- identifying gaps in the market and planning how to support the market to address any shortfall

The coronavirus global pandemic has impacted greatly on families over the past two and a half years resulting in a changed demand for childcare. Whilst the slow recovery from Covid-19 continues and with the recent impact of increased inflation, the childcare market will continue to face unprecedented challenges with regard to supply and demand.

3. Key Findings

Successes - Actions taken since the 2021 assessment

Data/Sufficiency

- Norfolk's take up of two-year-old funded places in summer 2022 has increased to 71% of eligible disadvantaged children, just under the 72% national average. This is a significant improvement from 59% in Summer 2021.
- Norfolk's take up of 3- and 4- year-old funding places for the summer 2022 remained at 93% from 2021, compared to the national average of 92%

Family Information Service (FIS)

- The introduction of improved internal systems has meant information about available childcare is up to date, ensuring brokerage support for families has improved
- This year our FIS Facebook following has grown 7.7% to 8,129
- FIS handled 367 enquiries from July 2021 to July 2022 and the majority of those calls were from parents enquiring about 2-year-old funding and their customer account
- The Norfolk FIS has produced 3 short films to promote the take up of two year old funding. [FIS Facebook](#)

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

- One of the short [films](#) mentioned above was released in September 2022 which aims to support parents of a child with SEND to access childcare. The impact of this will be assessed over this coming year

Quality and Workforce Development

- 96% of our early years' providers have a good or outstanding Ofsted judgement
- Building on the virtual training and development models developed during the Covid-19 pandemic, early year practitioners have a blended training programme offer with a mix of online and face to face courses. This has increased take up of places. Through course evaluations the majority of providers feedback that they prefer online training, some like the blended approach and a few prefer face to face only

Continued progress for 2022-2023

Data/Sufficiency

- Provide sufficiency audits for analysis by the Childcare Development Manager and Improvement & Development Workers to follow up so that any sufficiency issues are addressed as quickly as possible
- To encourage creative partnership working between registered providers to develop childcare places in areas of unmet need or where the current offer does not meet parental demand.
- Target childcare expansion in areas of housing development and community growth, aligned with school place planning where necessary
- To continue monitoring the number of providers to ascertain potential reasons for closure and identify actions to address, including active recruitment in areas of identified need
- Develop detailed analysis of sufficiency within primary school catchment areas to understand differences in supply and demand at local levels
- Review processes focused on encouraging take up of funded places, particularly 2-year-old places, in areas where take up rates are lowest
- Provide good quality online resources to support our Norfolk providers

Family Information Service

- Continue to raise awareness of FIS services and promote the provision effectively
- Continue to work with Family Voice Norfolk and SEND partners to improve and develop approaches for reaching and supporting families that have children with SEND who are experiencing difficulties in finding early education and childcare in their area
- Look at different ways to address language barriers and support parental confidence about childcare by developing more videos to share the benefits of childcare for both children and parent/carers
- Increase opportunities to improve two-year-old take up in priority areas
- Continue to raise awareness of the range of childcare options that are available to meet different parent and family needs
- Engage more with families face to face through parent and toddler groups in areas of low take up and good sufficiency of places
- Identify routes for passing materials on to families such as through community support groups and GP surgeries
- Create a parent/carer survey to explore reason why they do not use their funded entitlement, including cultural issues as barriers to take up, for example, stigma attached to using formal childcare.
- Work with Customer Service Centre (CSC) to understand the queries being asked to improve the customer's journey. This also supports the feedback from parents/carers to make sure that our communication is clear and easy to understand
- Meet with CSC termly to update them on any new processes and share information to support them in answering queries promptly
- Refresh/update the information available on the NCC website and portal for early years providers, parents/carers and key stakeholders.
- Promote Tax free childcare to parent/carers as well as Early Years providers and schools, to show the benefits of the scheme and the savings that parents can make.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

- Further develop the use of data from the Early Identification Notice and the Being 2 progress check to include the sharing of data at key points with other education and SEND teams so they are fully prepared to meet the needs of children with SEND.
- Continue to upskill practitioners in supporting children with SEND and their families via training, networks, advisory support and effective relationships with strategic partners.

Quality and Workforce Development

- Norfolk's Early Years Learning Team will continue to offer support to our providers, including the early years advice line service which is available to both

childcare providers and professionals. Enquiries can now be made via phone and email.

- Continue to identify new and refreshed training opportunities, that support providers to reflect current practise, and meet new and existing priorities for the workforce, such as, outdoor practise, trauma attachment, get active, castle museum and yoga and mindfulness.

Sustainability

- Ensure that the award of sustainability and development funding grants reflects both identified and emerging shortfall in provision
- Provide focused support and/or training for providers to develop their business and financial model
- Continue to work with providers across the early years and childcare sector to understand how the childcare market has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic long term and how the sector is responding. This continues to inform the Early Years Learning Team's focus in providing further support

New Developments for 2022 to 2023

Data/Sufficiency

- Create a new strategic plan to include all our sufficiency needs in each district, including the expansion of places where possible in areas where shortages are identified and support the sustainability of our voluntary committee run settings.
- To work with both internal and external training partners to look at ways of encouraging Norfolk's workforce into early years professions.

Family Information Service

- Work with NCC comms to plan a new Norfolk childcare campaign for 2022/23 to promote the latest Government schemes and entitlements to help parents and carers with the cost of childcare.
- Develop our 2-year-old project further to support areas in Norfolk that have a lower take up of 2-year-old funding and continue to work with partners to support the sharing of information

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

- Further develop partnership working with family information service colleagues, to support and enable a smoother transition into early years settings for children with SEND.
- Improvement and redesign of the Early Identification Notice response process to ensure that when children are identified as having SEND, their education needs are quickly assessed and met by NCC and partner services

Quality and Workforce Development

- Develop the Early Years and Childcare Recruitment campaign, in response to the recruitment challenges currently being faced by the sector.

4. Support for parents

4.1 Affordability

There are many systems available to parents and carers to help with childcare costs. Parents and carers must select the arrangement that is best suited to their personal circumstances.

Universal credit (UC)

If parents are working, Universal Credit can help with the costs of childcare, no matter how many hours they work. Universal Credit is paid as a single monthly payment that will include a standard allowance plus other 'elements', one of which will be childcare and managed by district, borough and city councils. Parents/carers may be eligible for up to 85% of their childcare costs per week, which is up to £646.35 per month for one child and £1,108.04 for 2 or more children.

[Universal Credit](#)

Tax free childcare scheme

To qualify, both parents over 23 must be in work, and each earning at least £142.56 a week and not more than £100,000 each per year. If the parent is earning less than £142.56 a week but are under 23, or an apprentice, they may still be eligible.

Under this system 20% of annual childcare costs are paid for by the Government. Parent/carers can open an online account through the gov.uk website and pay into it to cover childcare costs. For every 80p paid into this account the Government pay in an additional 20p, up to a maximum contribution of £2,000 a year per child (or £4,000 per year for a child with disabilities).

The scheme is open to families with children under 12 (and children with disabilities up to the age of 17) who are not already claiming Universal Credit.

[Tax Free Childcare](#)

NCC will promote Tax Free Childcare (TFC) to parent/carers as well as Early Years providers and schools, to show the benefits of the scheme and the savings that parents can make by

- Working with providers to explain the benefits of TFC to their sustainability
- Support providers to sign up to offer TFC
- Market TFC to parents/carers at community events and social media
- Share information with our EY partners and external organisations

Ofsted registered providers can sign up with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to receive payments from parents via their tax-free childcare accounts. Recent data from Hemsall's in Figure 1 below suggests that the low number of registrations by schools is contributing to this year's drop in take up.

Figure 1. Percentage of Norfolk childcare providers signed up to take tax free childcare

Provider type	Registered	Not registered	% Registered
Childminder	363	63	85%
Day Nursery	111	9	93%
Pre-School Playgroup	107	8	93%
Independent	8	3	73%
School	151	294	34%
OOSC	31	13	71%

[Hempsall's 2022](#)

4.2 Figure 2 shows the number of families in Norfolk using tax-free childcare accounts has been increasing year on year, take up is still low but in line with the national picture.

Figure 2. Number of Norfolk Children with Used Tax-Free Childcare accounts

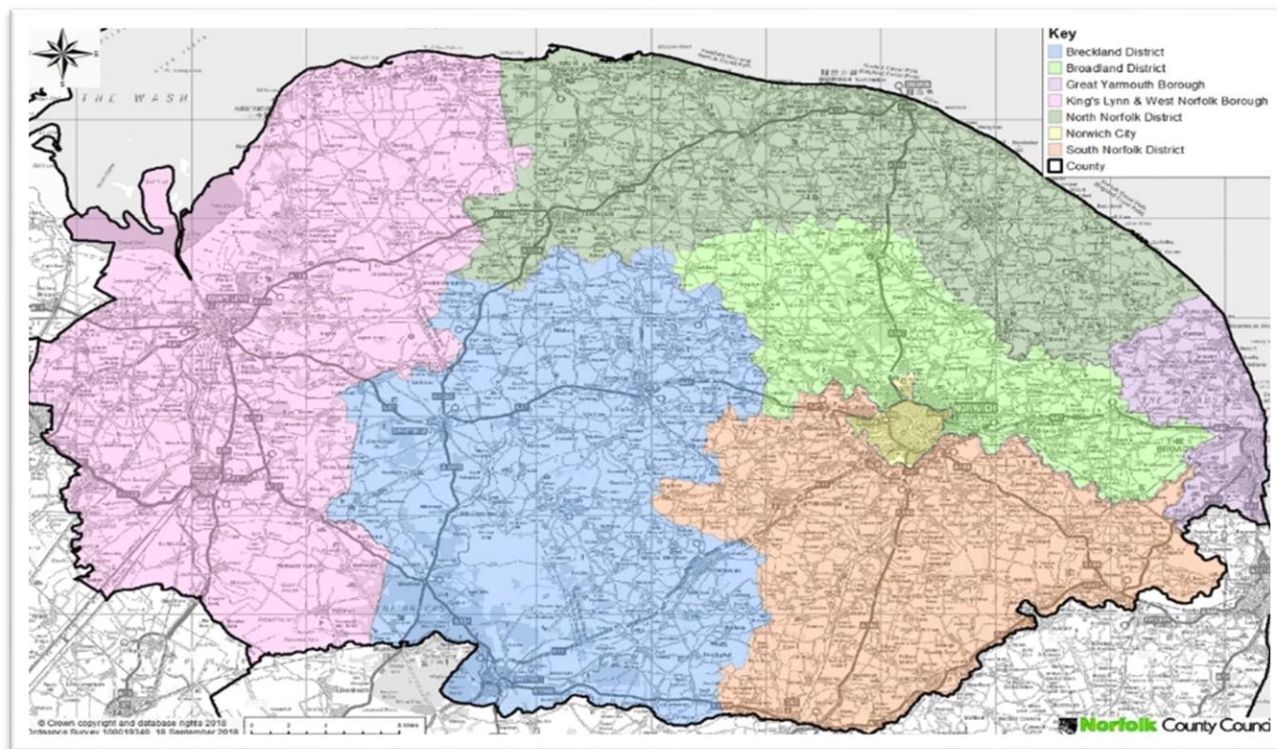
Area	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Breckland	740	885	1,195
Broadland	835	955	1,390
Great Yarmouth	280	285	420
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	640	705	990
North Norfolk	320	350	470
Norwich	560	700	915
South Norfolk	1,080	1,240	1,695
Norfolk	4,455	5,120	7,075
England	351,935	409,100	569,505

[Used Tax-Free Childcare accounts- GOV.UK](#)

5. Population

Norfolk is divided into seven districts

Figure 3. Map of Norfolk districts



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5.2 The table in Figure 4 shows the breakdown of numbers of children aged 0 to 4 by academic year group. For each district there is evidence that there is currently a steady decline in birth rate. The population numbers for children aged 5 to 14 and children on the Children With Disabilities (CWD) Register aged 14-18 is located in [Section 10](#)

Figure 4. Table of population of early years children by District

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's	4-5's
Breckland	1,025	1,268	1,271	1,368	1,389
Broadland	940	1,054	1,126	1,263	1,292
Great Yarmouth	706	935	1,000	960	1,063
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,155	1,392	1,402	1,530	1,517
North Norfolk	537	641	666	708	765
Norwich	1,093	1,296	1,344	1,327	1,455
South Norfolk	1,068	1,320	1,295	1,406	1,493

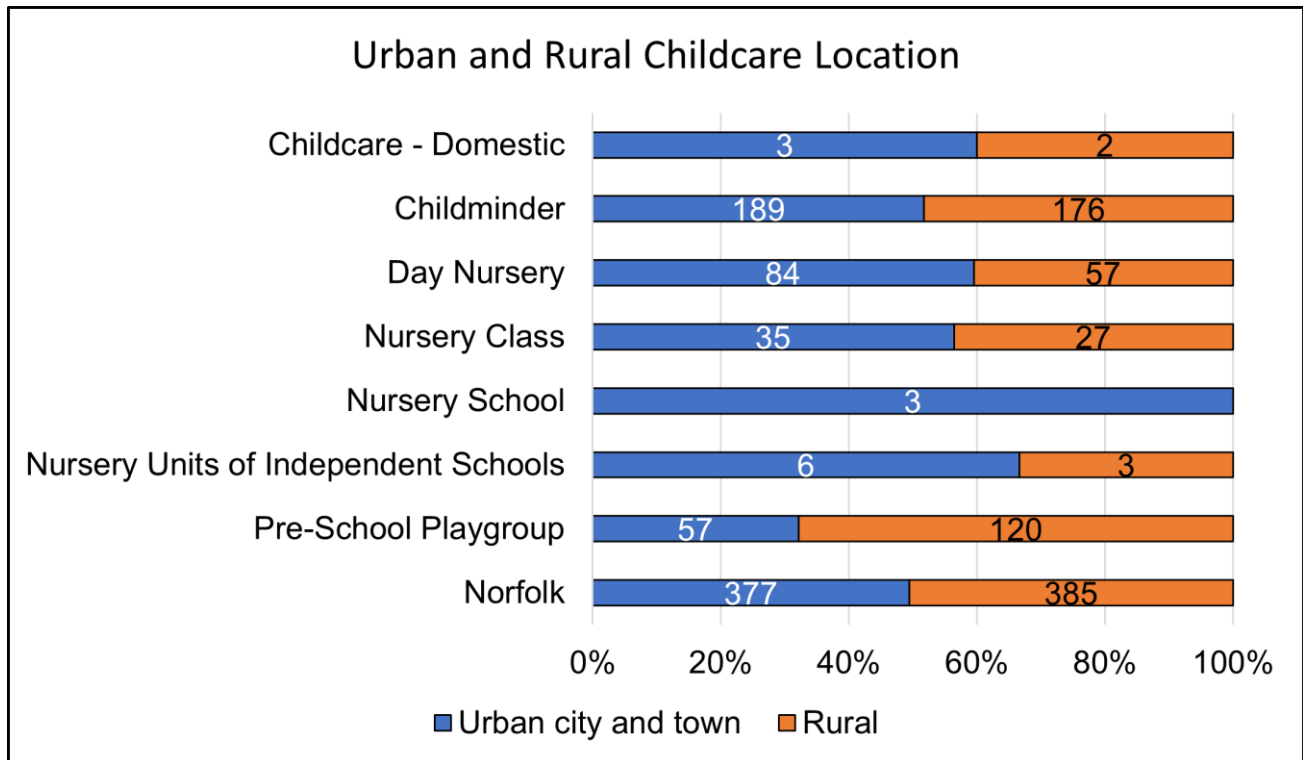
Child Health Information Service – September 2022

5.3 There are around 130 languages spoken in Norfolk. English is not the first language of around 7,800 children in the county and of these around a fifth are aged 0 to 5 years. Polish is the most widely spoken first language other

than English across Norfolk’s school children, with Portuguese being the second and Lithuanian the third.

- 5.4 Norfolk has received many families from Ukraine as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, including 284 children under the age of 18. Of these, 11 are aged between 2 and 4, with 3 accessing funded childcare. Numbers are expected to rise over the coming months
- 5.5 While Norfolk’s land area is around 93% rural, just over half of residents live in an environment that can be classed as urban. Over the past six years, there has been a shift in where people live in Norfolk, with an increase in numbers of people living in urban settings and a corresponding reduction of people living in rural settings. All districts except North Norfolk have at least one third of the population living in urban areas and none of Norfolk’s districts is wholly rural (Norfolk Story, 2019).
- 5.6 Population in Norfolk is characterised as predominately White British, with Norwich having the highest levels of other ethnicities.
- 5.7 60% of childcare providers are located within urban areas with 40% in rural Areas. 68% of pre-school playgroups in Norfolk are in rural locations as shown in Figure 5. As indicated earlier, just under half of families in Norfolk live in a rural area.

Figure 5. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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- 5.8 Deprivation. The English Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2019 show that Norfolk has experienced a slight increase in relative deprivation compared with 2015, moving to third from fourth within 25 sample authorities. For Norfolk, the main IMD summary measure, or score, in 2015 was 21.158 and has risen to 21.183. The higher the score, the higher the deprivation. This number is the overall weighted average value for the county's Lower Layer Super Output Areas ([LSOA's](#)). The mean overall score for all English county councils is 16.796. This data is from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), Indices of deprivation 08/05/2021.
[Lginform - Score in Norfolk](#)
- 5.9 The IMD-Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IMD-IDACI) for 2019 shows Norfolk with a percentage score of 15.5, the same as the mean for the eastern local authorities. Of the eleven East of England Local Authorities Norfolk has the 5th highest percentage score within a range of 20.8 for Peterborough and 11.1 for both Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. The data is from the DLUHC, Indices of deprivation, last updated, 04/07/2022.
[Lginform - Norfolk Comparison](#)
- 5.10 The percentage score of 15.5 represents a drop of 2.2 points from 2015 indicating that Norfolk has less children living in income deprivation in 2019 than in 2015. This trend continues across the east of England with the mean figure dropping from 25.1 in 2015 to 15.5 in 2019.
- 5.11 Around 68,200 Norfolk residents live in areas which have been classified as being among the 10% most deprived in England. The most deprived areas in Norfolk are still concentrated in the urban areas of Great Yarmouth, Norwich, King's Lynn and Thetford.
- 5.12 Figure 6 and 7 below shows the labour market profile comparison between Norfolk, East of England and Great Britain. Compared to last year the tables show Norfolk is performing better than the region and nationally for being economically active. Norfolk has a higher percentage of unemployed people than the regional and national average. Norfolk is also doing better with more people in employment with both employees and self-employed showing increases as well as there being a reduction in unemployment.

Figure 6. Employment – Jan 2021 to Dec 2021

Area	Economically Active %	In employment %	Employees %	Self-employed %	Unemployed %
Norfolk	80.4	77.0	67.0	10.0	4.1
East of England	81.0	77.9	67.8	9.9	3.8
Great Britain	78.4	74.8	65.3	9.3	4.4

[Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics](#) 20/07/2022

Figure 7. Employment – Jan 2020 to Dec 2020

Area	Economically Active %	In employment %	Employees %	Self-employed %	Unemployed %
Norfolk	80.7	76.4	66.7	9.3	5.1
East of England	80.4	77.2	66.6	10.4	3.8
Great Britain	79.1	75.4	65.2	9.9	4.6

[Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Labour Market Statistics](#) 21/06/2021

6. Projected housing growth

- 6.1 There are several major growth areas in Norfolk which will see future economic expansion, new housing, new schools and other infrastructure planning and investment. These are detailed in NCC's 2021 Schools' Local Growth and Investment Plan ([SLGIP](#)). New housing will attract the need for childcare provision that may be above the supply level of existing local childcare provision.

Figure 8. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
Breckland	1,197	892	203
Broadland	1,346	1,343	261
Great Yarmouth	985	513	145
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	1,040	1,629	258
North Norfolk	740	1,183	187
Norwich	446	1,511	190
South Norfolk	1,413	1,491	282
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

NCC SLGIP 2022 and District Housing Details Spreadsheet, Summer 2022

- 6.2 The new and proposed housing growth is predominantly centred around the Greater Norwich Growth Triangle (Broadland) to the north and east of the city and growth in the urban areas along the A11 corridor towards Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, namely Wymondham (South Norfolk), Attleborough and Thetford (Breckland). West Winch in King's Lynn and West Norfolk will also see significant housing growth soon. Some of these larger developments have yet to apply for planning consent.
- 6.3 The NCC Place Planning Team comment on infrastructure requirements for new planning applications received by the districts for sites over 20 mixed-bed dwellings.

7. Sufficiency of childcare places for 0-to 5-year-olds

7.1 As of August 2022 Norfolk had 716 childcare providers operating from a total of 742 locations across the county.

Figure 9. Number of childcare locations across Norfolk by provider type

Childcare provider type	Sep-2020	Aug-2021	Aug-2022	Diff. Sep 2020 to Aug 2021	Diff. Sep 2021 to Aug 2022
Day Nursery	131	131	130	0	-1
Pre-school Playgroup	144	136	129	-8	-7
Childminder and Childcare – Domestic	444	387	349	-57	-38
Nursery Units of Independent Schools	9	9	9	0	0
School Run*	121	123	125	2	2
Total	849	786	742	-63	-44

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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7.2 The number of early years and childcare providers and childcare provider locations in the county continue to reduce. Between September 2020 and August 2021, the numbers of pre-school, childminder, nursery class, nursery school and day nursery locations was 849, this dropped by 63 locations to 786. From August 2021 to 2022, the number had dropped by a further 44 to 742 locations (5.5%).

7.3 There are 33 registered providers operating more than 1 nursery

7.4 Once again most closures were from childminders. The small increase in school run childcare is due to schools taking over the running of committee run childcare located on the school site.

7.5 Not all childcare providers offer the funded early education entitlement. Figure 10 below shows the number of childcare providers offering free early education entitlement in both the private, voluntary and independent (PVI) sector and school run childcare provision

Figure 10. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by District, August 2022

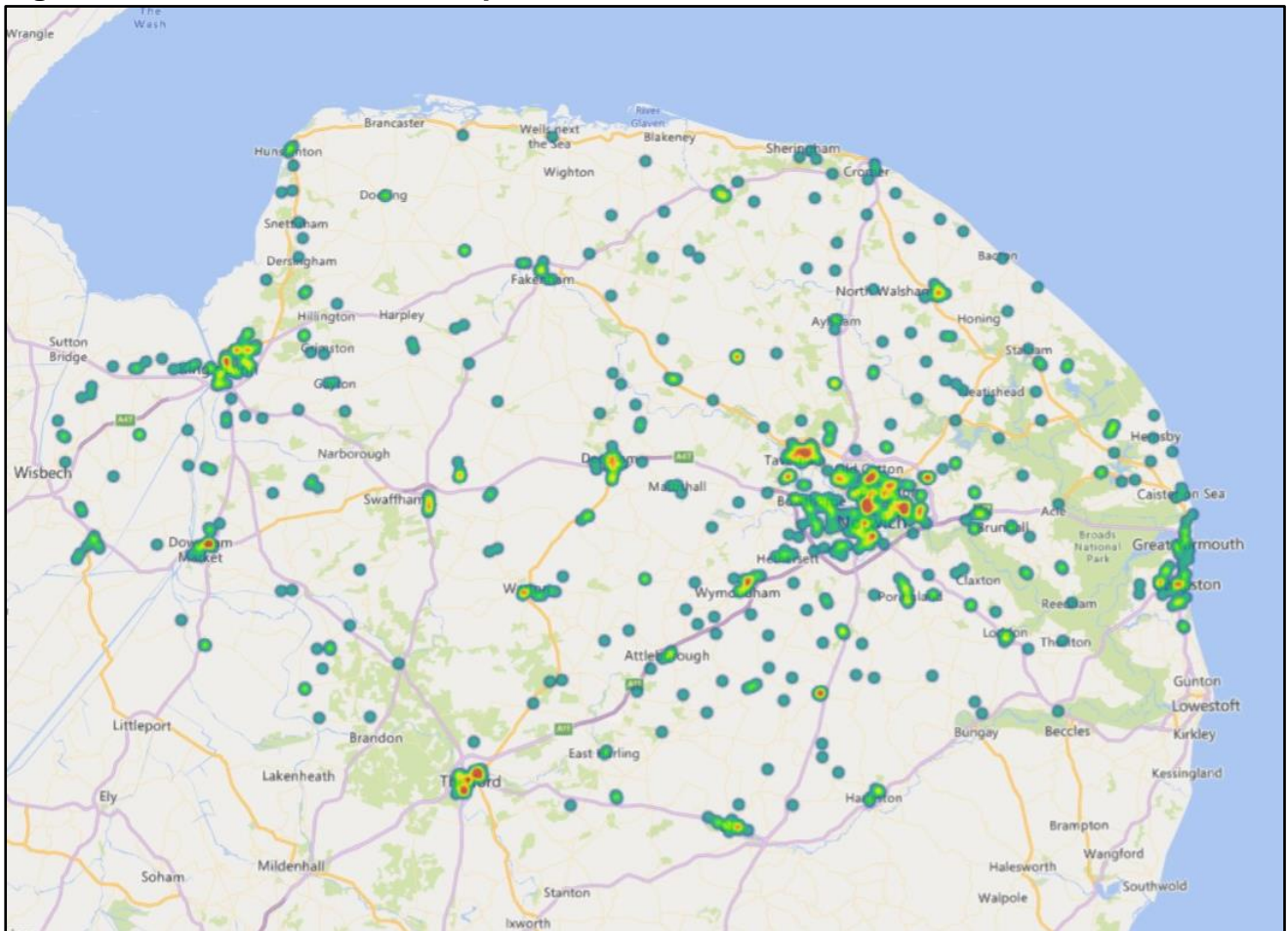
District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare – domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School run*	Total
Breckland	20	23	37	2	17	99
Broadland	15	23	59	1	15	113
Great Yarmouth	13	3	18	0	17	51
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	26	25	51	1	21	124
North Norfolk	14	14	16	1	19	64
Norwich	17	10	21	3	18	69
South Norfolk	25	31	46	0	15	117
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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7.6 The number and distribution of funded childcare places being offered by childcare providers varies between each district, with most places located within urban areas. Whilst the overall number of places across the county meets need, for families living in rural areas the choice of type of provision is more limited.

Figure 11. Location of childcare providers



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7.7 Figures 12 and 13 show the number of reported places available for 3 and 4 year-olds and eligible 2 year-olds for funded early years education and childcare at the end of the summer 2022 term.

Figure 12. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds - July 2022

District	Childminder and childcare – domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Breckland	156	766	678	80	722	2,402
Broadland	278	736	739	128	703	2,584
Great Yarmouth	106	750	184	0	737	1,777
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	240	1,147	838	48	801	3,074
North Norfolk	90	458	409	120	625	1,702
Norwich	120	880	575	212	940	2,727
South Norfolk	236	1,263	853	0	556	2,908
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 13. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds – July 2022

District	Childminder and childcare – domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Breckland	80	464	271	8	101	924
Broadland	136	322	289	16	60	823
Great Yarmouth	54	376	64	0	19	513
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	114	472	331	52	94	1,063
North Norfolk	44	281	167	122	122	736
Norwich	54	496	167	0	156	873
South Norfolk	116	634	370	0	58	1,178
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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7.8 The data shows a decrease in the number of both 3 and 4 year-old and 2 year-old funded places reported by providers via the on-line Provider Portal. Reasons for this include providers reducing the number of places available due to staff shortages.

7.9 DfE statistics indicate take up of the 15 hour universal entitlement in Norfolk for 3

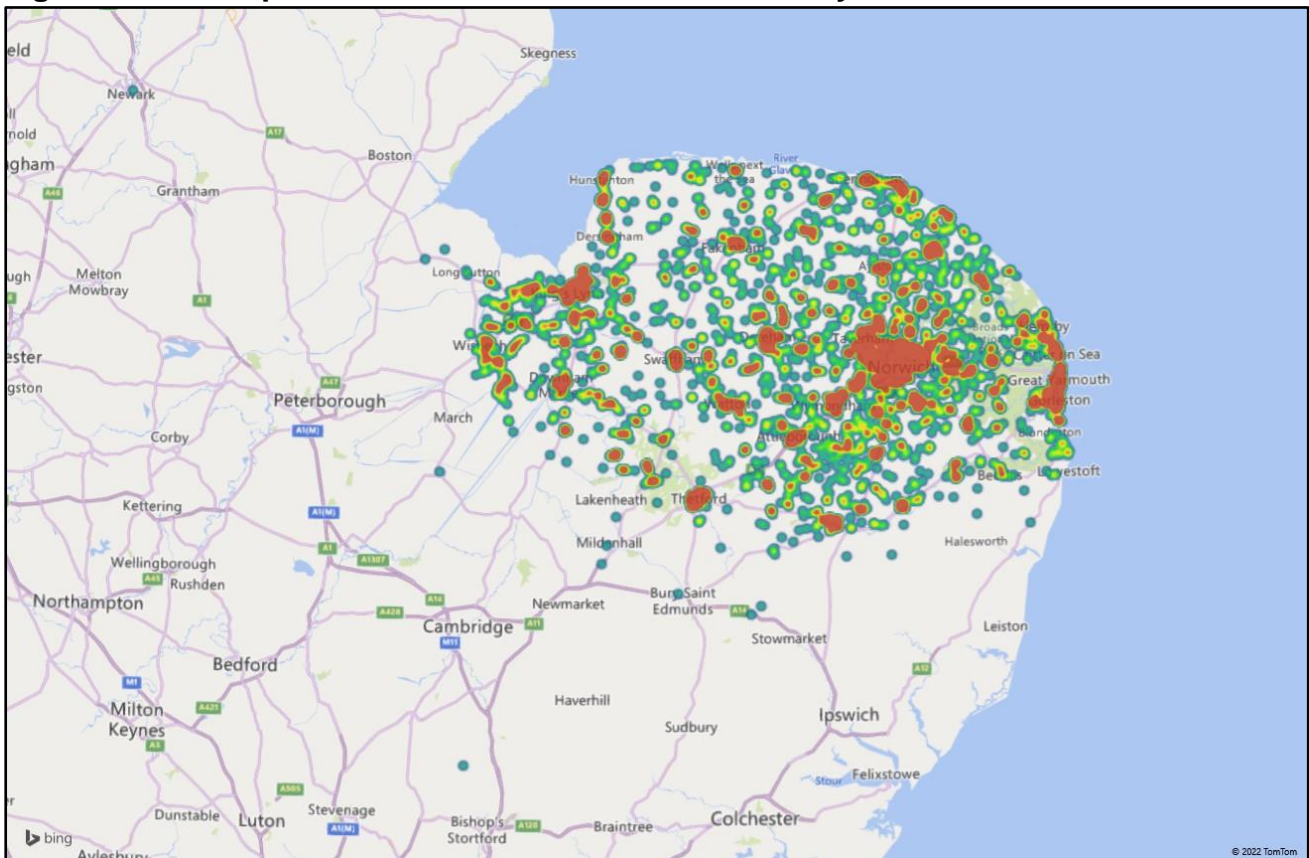
and 4 year-olds is reversing the previous decline and is now increasing once again, comparing favourably with the national average percentage points as shown in Figure 14 below.

Figure 14. Take up for universal 15 hour funded places for 3 and 4 year-olds – 2019 to 2022

Area	Data	2019	2020	2021	2022
Norfolk	DfE population estimate for 3 and 4 year-olds	19,162	19,203	18,803	18,226
Norfolk	Number of registered 3 and 4 year-olds	18,315	18,069	16,992	16,950
Norfolk	Percentage of 3 and 4 year-old children benefiting	96%	94%	93%	93%
England	DfE population estimate for 3 and 4 year-olds	1,368,094	1,369,923	1,351,228	1,314,016
England	Number of registered 3 and 4 year-olds	1,277,137	1,271,544	1,211,991	1,212,234
England	Percentage of 3 and 4 year-old children benefiting	93%	93%	90%	92%

[Local authority interactive tool \(LAIT\) - GOV.UK](#) – June 2022

Figure 15. Home postcode locations of funded 3 and 4 year-olds



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7.10 Analysis of the supply and demand of places for eligible funded 2 year-olds shows that take up is significantly lower than for the universal 3 and 4 year-old entitlement. Take up rates could be influenced by factors such as parental preference for keeping the child at home, which is particularly relevant for 2 year-olds, not enough places where some parents want or need them and informal childcare being used instead.

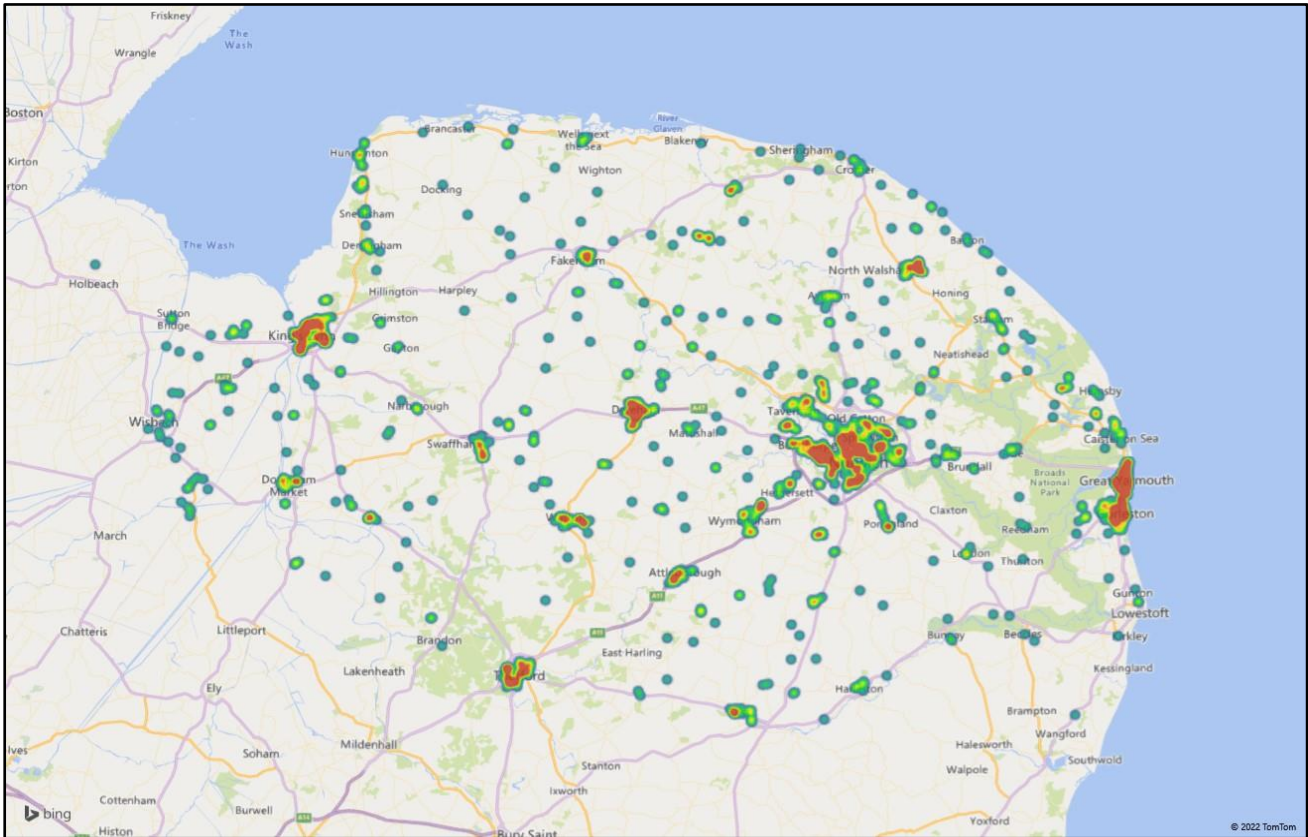
7.11 Figure 16 shows DfE statistics for 2 year-old take up, indicating take up for Norfolk has remained just below the national average.

Figure 16. Take up for 15 hour funded places for 2 year-olds 2019 to 2022

Area	Data	2019	2020	2021	2022
Norfolk	DfE population estimate for eligible 2 year-olds.	2,792	2,596	2,528	2,345
Norfolk	Number of registered 2 year-olds	1,871	1,649	1,498	1,665
Norfolk	Percentage of 2 year-old children benefiting	67%	64%	59%	71%
England	DfE population estimate for eligible 2 year-olds.	219,316	207,392	201,562	188,318
England	Number of registered 2 year-olds	148,751	143,439	124,543	135,410
England	Percentage of 2 year-old children benefiting	68%	69%	62%	72%

[Local authority interactive tool \(LAIT\) - GOV.UK](#) - June 2022

Figure 17. Home postcode locations of funded 2 year-olds



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7.12 Childcare for younger children is often the most expensive due to factors such as staff/child ratios. Most parents find that their childcare costs reduce as their child grows and all children are entitled to some form of funded nursery education from the age of three, meaning childcare fees for parents fall.

Figure 18. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
Breckland	£4.13	£5.32	£4.73
Broadland	£4.45	£6.12	£5.35
Great Yarmouth	£4.07	£4.60	£4.16
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£4.39	£5.05	£4.54
North Norfolk	£4.85	£5.49	£4.47
Norwich	£4.72	£5.51	£5.03
South Norfolk	£4.52	£5.66	£4.59
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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7.13 The Norfolk average cost per hour in Figure 18 above have been compared to figures for last year in Figure 19 below, showing the percentage increase in charges over the last twelve months.

Figure 19. Percentage price increase per hour across childcare types 2021 to 2022

Average Costs per hour	Childminders & childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)	Average
Norfolk average 2021	£4.25	£4.98	£4.17	£4.47
Norfolk average 2022	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70	£4.85
Average % price increase	+4.71%	+8.23%	+12.71%	+8.5%

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Figure 20. UK inflation rate

Date	UK inflation rate
Average inflation rate June 2022	9.4%

[UK Historical Inflation Rate](#) Update August 2022

8. Childcare Quality

- 8.1 The quality of provision plays an important part in the sufficiency of places
- 8.2 The quality of early years provision is measured through inspections undertaken by Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education). Ofsted is the sole arbiter of quality and through the inspection process, each setting will receive one of four grades (outstanding, good, requires improvement or inadequate) depending on the inspection findings.
- 8.3 Figures 21, 22 and 23 below show the comparison between Norfolk and England for providers with current inspection grades. The Figure 23 bar chart shows that Norfolk and England have the same percentage points of 'Outstanding' and 'Good' providers whilst Norfolk is 1 percentage point higher than the England average for childcare providers judged 'Requires Improvement' by Ofsted.

Figure 21. Quality grades of Ofsted registered childcare providers up to 31st March 2022 for Norfolk

Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk	Norfolk
82 of 516	414 of 516	15 of 516	5 of 516
16%	80%	3%	1%

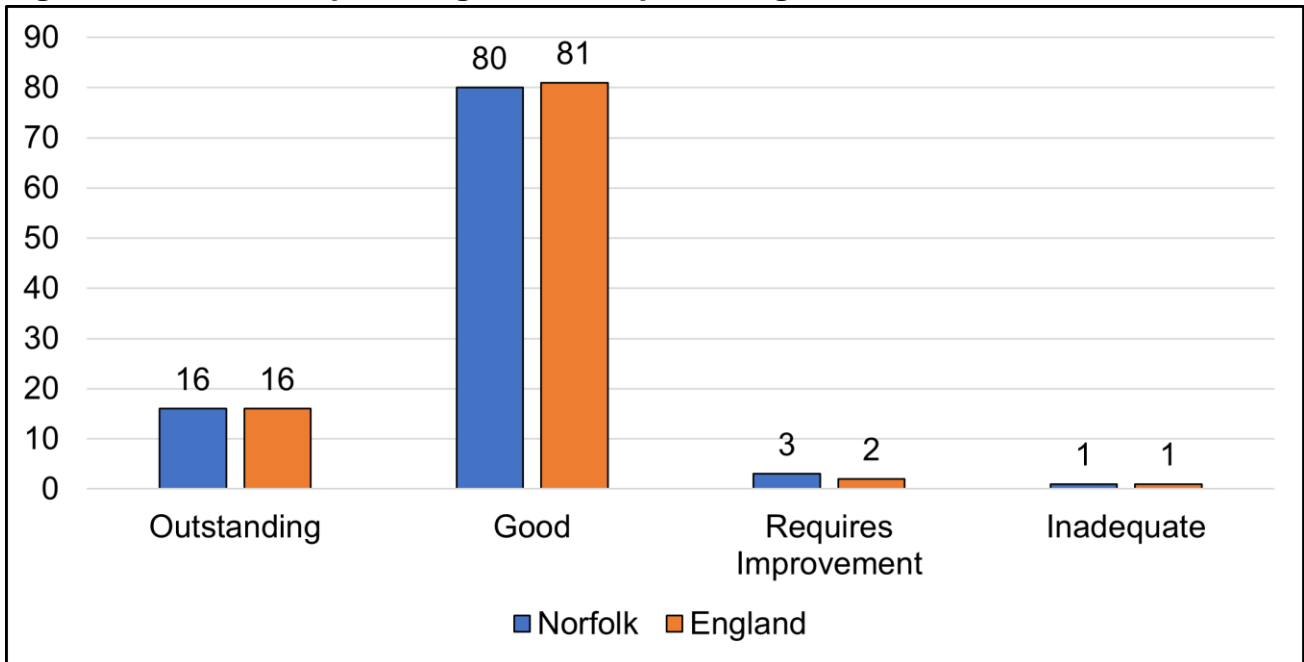
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Figure 22. Quality grades of Ofsted registered childcare providers up to 31st March 2022 for England

Outstanding	Good	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
England	England	England	England
6,350 of 40,030	32,276 of 40,030	949 of 40,030	455 of 40,030
16%	81%	2%	1%

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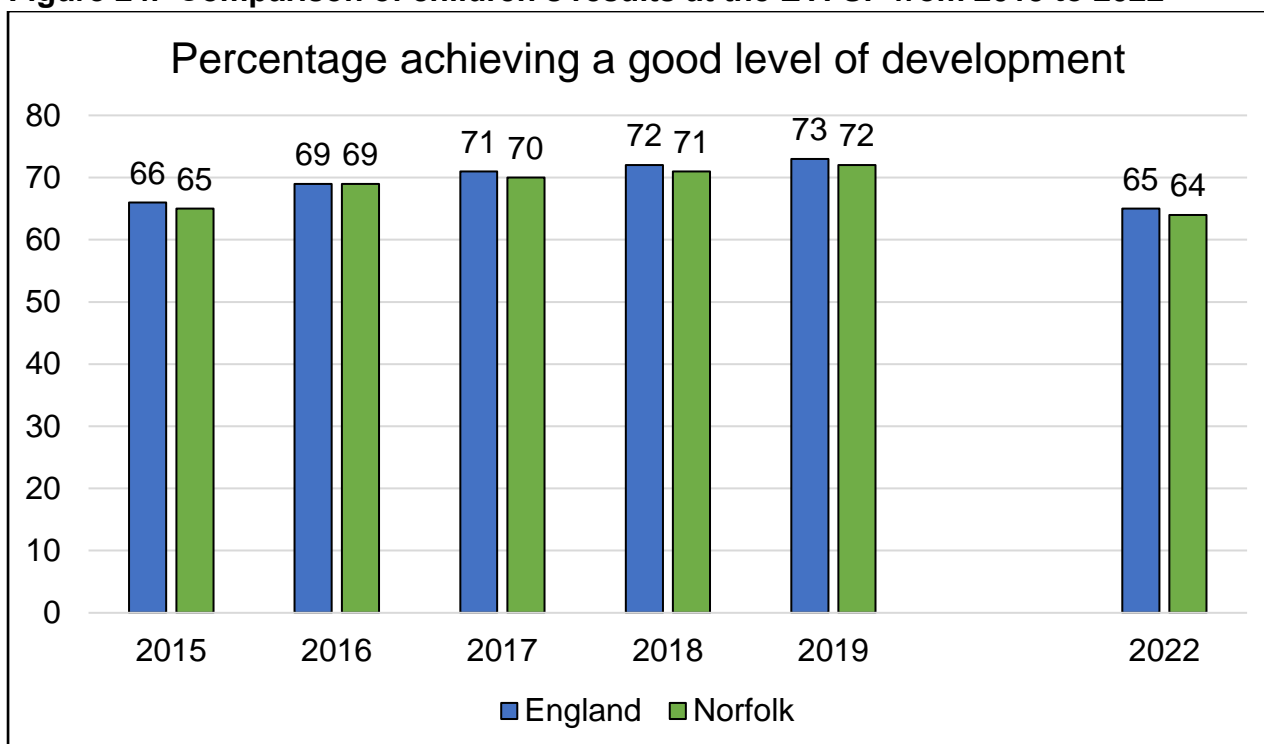
Figure 23. Ofsted inspection grades as a percentage



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- 8.4 Support is available for providers to improve the quality of delivery and meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Ofsted. The quality of provision plays an important part in the sufficiency of places.
- 8.5 All new childminders are offered a subsidised place on the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) Level 3 Award in Home Based Childcare, covering every aspect of being a registered childminder. With the continued support offered through the registration process by the Early Years Learning Team
- 8.6 Between September 2021 and August 2022, 23 of 25 childminders inspected achieved 'Good or Outstanding' at their first Ofsted inspection
- 8.7 In 2018 to 2019, the percentage of children achieving a Good Level of Development in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile was 72.2%, an increase of 0.6% from the previous year, continuing an improving trend. Due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic EYFS assessments were cancelled in 2020 and 2021. 2022 sees the reintroduction of EYFS Assessments. The results for Norfolk shown below in Figure 24 show a decrease in comparison between Norfolk and England of 1%. The 2022 outcome is early provisional data, official statistics are released in November 2022.

Figure 24. Comparison of children’s results at the EYFSP from 2015 to 2022



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8.8 NCC has a statutory duty in relation to provision of childcare training. The training programme delivered by the Early Years Learning Team aims to improve outcomes for children through the development of a highly skilled workforce. The training is available to practitioners working in any registered provision, as well as prospective childminders. Courses are subsidised for the private and voluntary sector.

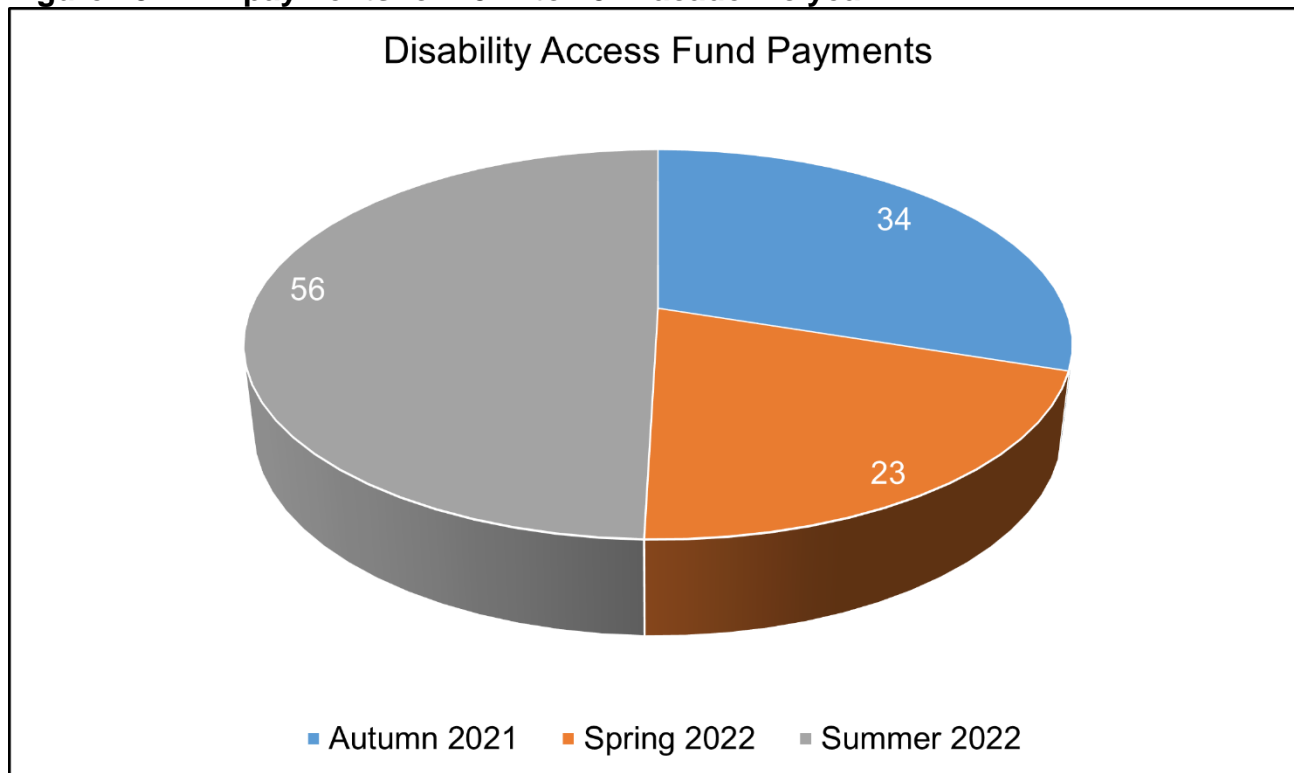
8.9 Priority on some training is given to providers who have received a ‘Requires Improvement’ or ‘Inadequate’ Ofsted grade to improve practice.

8.10 Recruitment of qualified and experienced practitioners remains a challenge for providers across the county, reflecting a growing national issue. From January 2022 providers have been able to have their recruitment advertisements posted on the NCC Early Years Facebook page and in addition to this providers have now been enabled to access NCC’s Jobs Finder Webpage to advertise their staff vacancies.

9. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

- 9.1 Local Authorities have a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity for children with SEND. Nationally it is recognised parents often find it difficult or challenging to access childcare, this may be due to parental confidence in the provider's ability to meet their child's individual needs.
- 9.2 All childcare settings are required to comply with the SEND Code of Practice and with the requirements of the EYFS. A wide range of activities and clubs for young people with a disability or additional needs across Norfolk are listed on the Norfolk Local Offer pages at [SEND Local Offer - Norfolk County Council](#).
- 9.3 Information on childcare is available to all parents online. Additional information is available to parents of children with SEND via the Norfolk SEND Local Offer. Other services also offer support to parents to gain access to the free funded early years entitlement.
- 9.4 In April 2017, the Disability Access Fund (DAF) was introduced for early years providers to support children with SEND. Its purpose is to remove 'barriers' which prevent children from accessing their free funded early education entitlement. To attract DAF, children must be receiving Disability Living Allowance and be in receipt of the 3 and 4 year early education entitlement. This funding was £615 paid annually to the provider nominated by the parent/carer up to March 2022. From April this payment increased to £800 per child, per year. In the 2021-22 academic year Norfolk made DAF payments for 113 children, up from last year's figure of 94. Figure 25 shows the payments on a termly basis.

Figure 25. DAF payments for 2021 to 2022 academic year

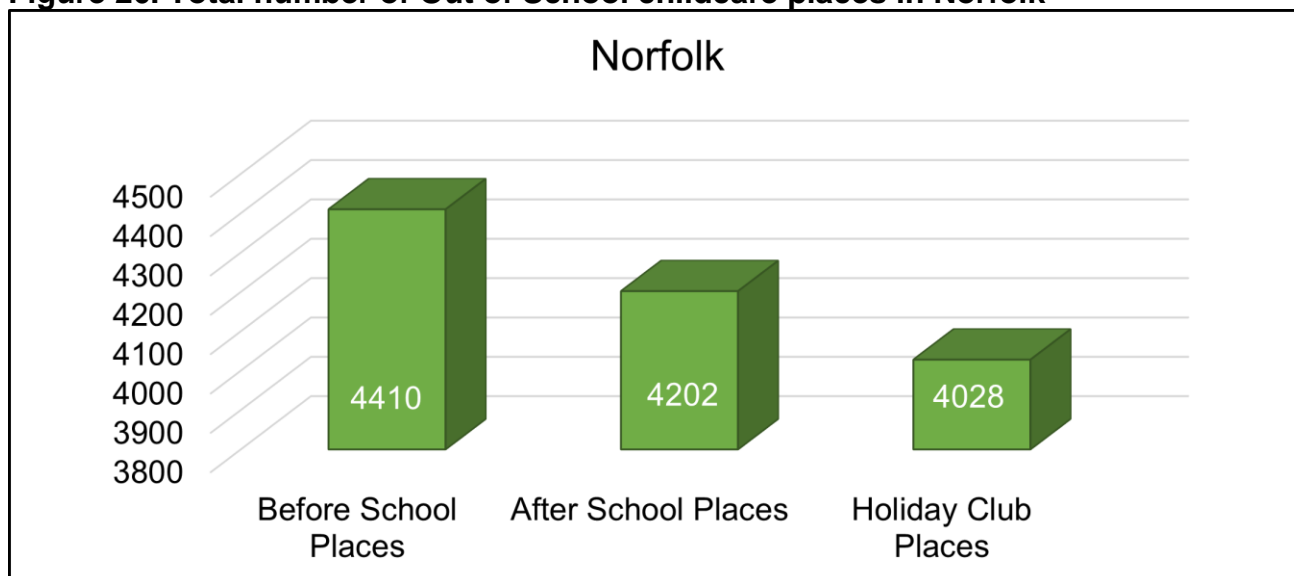


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10. Childcare for children over 5-year-olds

- 10.1 Out of School childcare includes Breakfast Clubs, After School Clubs and Holiday Playschemes. This form of childcare can operate either on or off a school site and may be run by the school directly or by Private, Voluntary or Independent partners (PVI).
- 10.2 This year the BNHF initiative, previously known as the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) has been funded by the Department of Education for a further 3 years (2022 to 2024). This means that for the next three years all school children eligible for means-tested free school meals in Norfolk, can enjoy some great activities and have a healthy meal. For the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays each local authority must provide four hours of free activities plus a healthy meal for each eligible child. The offer must be made for four days per week at Easter and Christmas and four weeks in the summer holidays. There is also a limited budget for children who would benefit from this programme but aren't eligible for means-tested free school meals. We ask schools and other professionals to identify these children.
- 10.3 There are 28,000 children and young people eligible for means-tested free school meals in Norfolk and attendance on this scheme is optional. Norfolk's aim is to offer a programme of activities for 5 to 16 year-olds (in full time education) in all districts across Norfolk to around 5,000 children and young people. At Easter 2022 we created 21,000 varied activity day places and this Summer 2022 it has risen to 68,000 activity day places.
- 10.4 Dependent upon specific criteria, not all 'wraparound' provision must be Ofsted registered and there is no legal requirement to inform the local authority of operation. A provider who only delivers to children aged eight or over, or who does not operate for more than two hours a day or provides two activities or less is not legally required to register with Ofsted. A setting may, however, choose to join the voluntary part of the childcare register to allow parents to claim childcare vouchers. In addition, providers do not have to meet specified child/adult ratios if they are caring solely for children over the age of eight.
- 10.5 It is, therefore, difficult to determine the exact number of places. Many non-registered holiday activities are run by local leisure centres or sport centres which may also not be represented in the figures.
- 10.6 It should be noted that demand for childcare will be significantly lower for young people of secondary school age (11 years and over) as many parents/carers feel their children are independent enough to not require childcare outside of school hours. Therefore, when calculating the number of places, the calculation has only considered the number of children in school aged 4 to 11 and 11 years plus with a disability.

Figure 26. Total number of Out of School childcare places in Norfolk



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10.7 Figure 26 shows the numbers of places reportedly available by all registered Out of School providers in Norfolk. The number of places across Norfolk is approximately 12,640, an increase of 350 from last year.

Figure 27. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14 to 18's on the CWD Register

Academic Year Group	Breckland	Broadland	Great Yarmouth	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	North Norfolk	Norwich	South Norfolk
5-6's	1,440	1,309	1,079	1,406	792	1,346	1,433
6-7's	1,414	1,330	1,052	1,426	840	1,425	1,491
7-8's	1,454	1,322	1,046	1,443	845	1,458	1,491
8-9's	1,477	1,288	1,056	1,451	837	1,399	1,459
9-10's	1,526	1,399	1,064	1,511	845	1,451	1,512
10-11's	1,443	1,422	1,115	1,499	920	1,503	1,557
1-12's	1,506	1,431	1,117	1,514	895	1,419	1,516
12-13's	1,372	1,371	1,117	1,525	866	1,369	1,454
13-14's	1,383	1,353	1,058	1,438	893	1,373	1,435
14-18's CWD Register	69	76	55	124	47	89	77
Totals	13,084	12,301	9,759	13,337	7,780	12,832	13,425

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10.8 Norfolk has an estimated 87,075 children and young people aged 5 to 14 years-old, which includes 537 children with disabilities aged 15 to 18 years-old, giving an overall figure of approximately 15 places for every 100 children/young people.

- 10.8 From the district data in [Section 11](#) below, Norwich has the greatest number of out of school childcare places across all provision when compared with all other districts, whilst Broadland has the fewest. The number of places in the school run sector, at 57%, remains higher than provision run by the PVI sector, at 43%.
- 10.9 76% of Breakfast Clubs are run by schools in both the primary and secondary phase. 63% of private, voluntary or independent breakfast clubs are located on school sites. School sites account for 91% of the breakfast clubs offered to parents in Norfolk.
- 10.10 56% of After School Clubs are run by schools in both the primary and secondary phase. 52% of private, voluntary or independent after school clubs are located on school sites. School sites account for 77% of the after school clubs offered to parents in Norfolk. This data refers only to Ofsted registered childcare provision and does not consider extra-curricular after school activities such as gardening clubs, film clubs etc. which many schools also run after the end of the school day.
- 10.11 12% of Holiday Playschemes are run by schools in both the primary and secondary phase. 32% of private, voluntary or independent holiday playschemes are located on school sites. School sites account for 42% of the Holiday Playschemes offered to parents in Norfolk.
- 10.12 Figure 28 shows the current average costs of Out of School care for district and for the county.

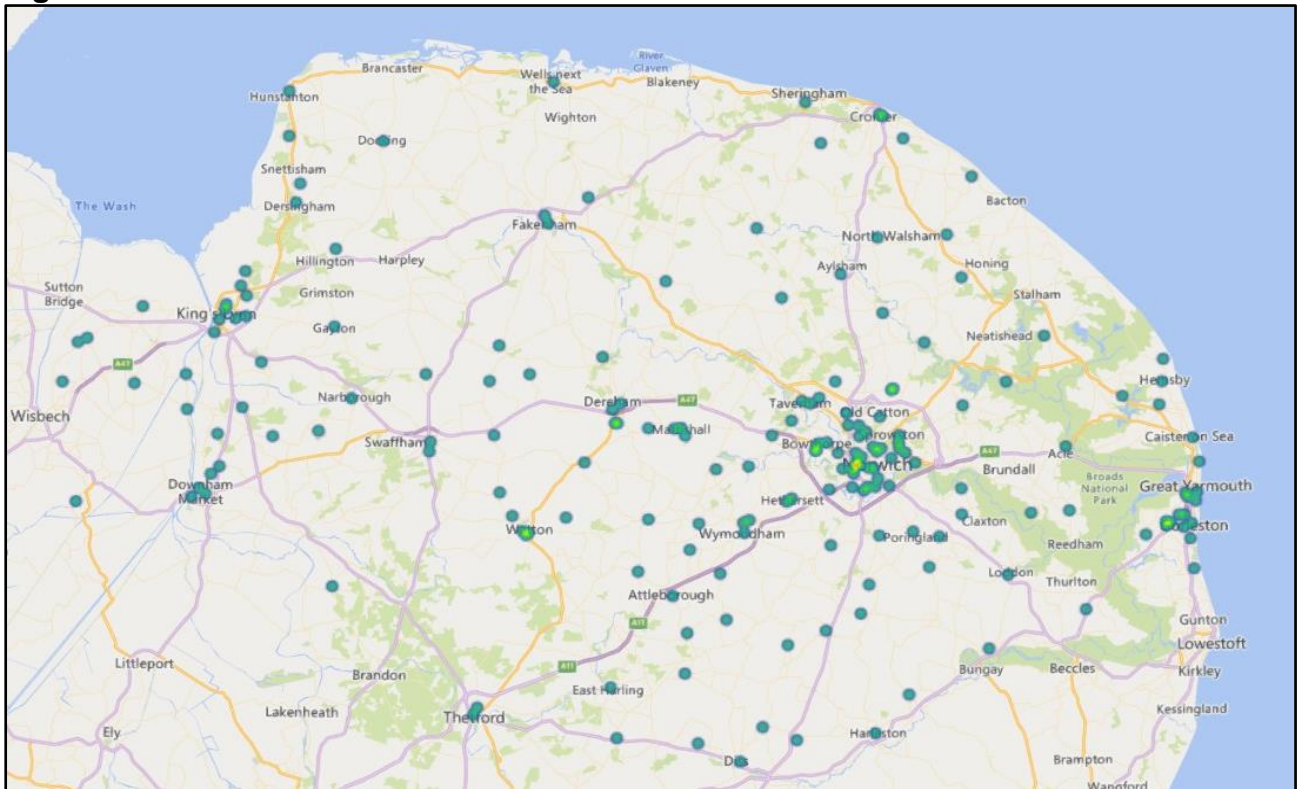
Figure 28. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
Breckland	£2.89	£9.36	£16.02
Broadland	£4.17	£8.25	£19.50
Great Yarmouth	£1.67	£6.42	£16.50
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£2.02	£7.74	£51.67
North Norfolk	£2.17	£7.59	£24.80
Norwich	£2.10	£10.15	£19.40
South Norfolk	£3.46	£9.77	£25.39
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

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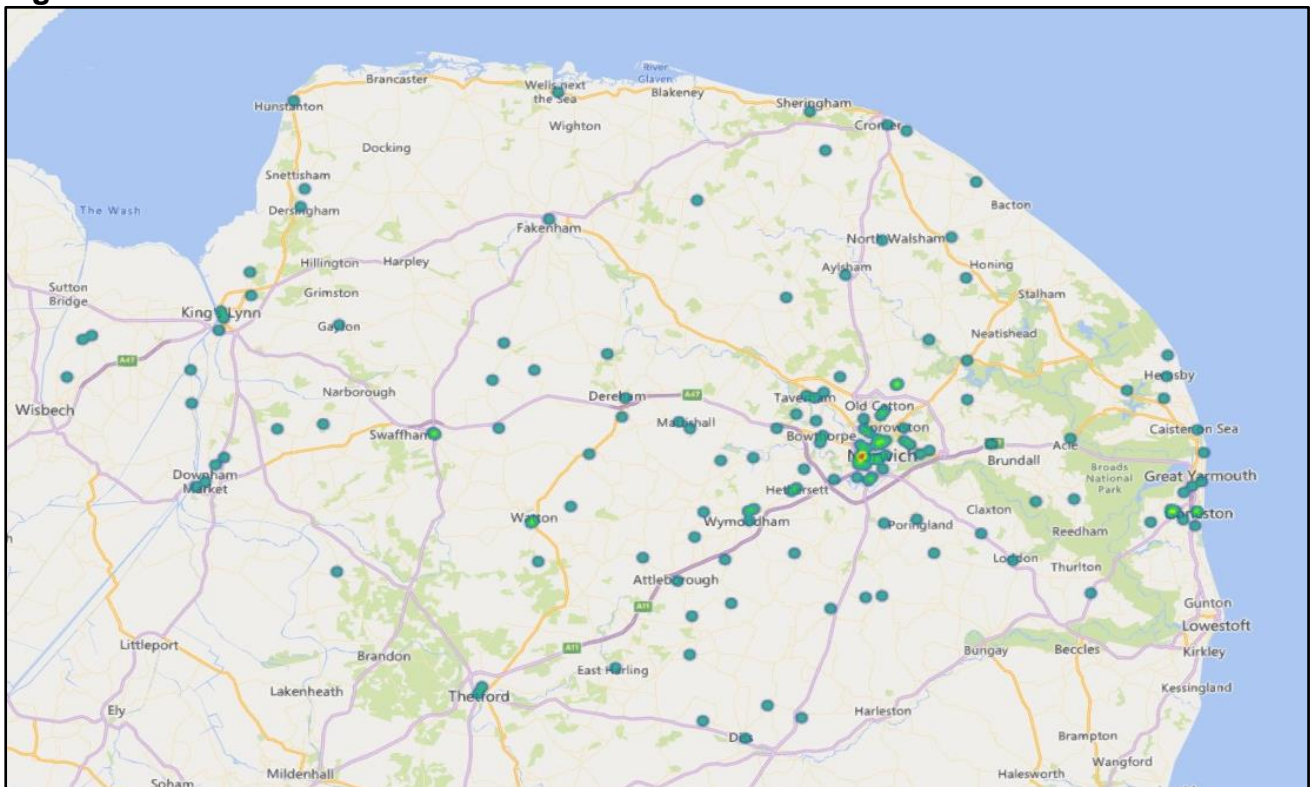
- 10.13 Figures 29 to 31 below show the locations of Breakfast Clubs, After School Clubs and Holiday Playschemes respectively.

Figure 29. Location of Breakfast Clubs



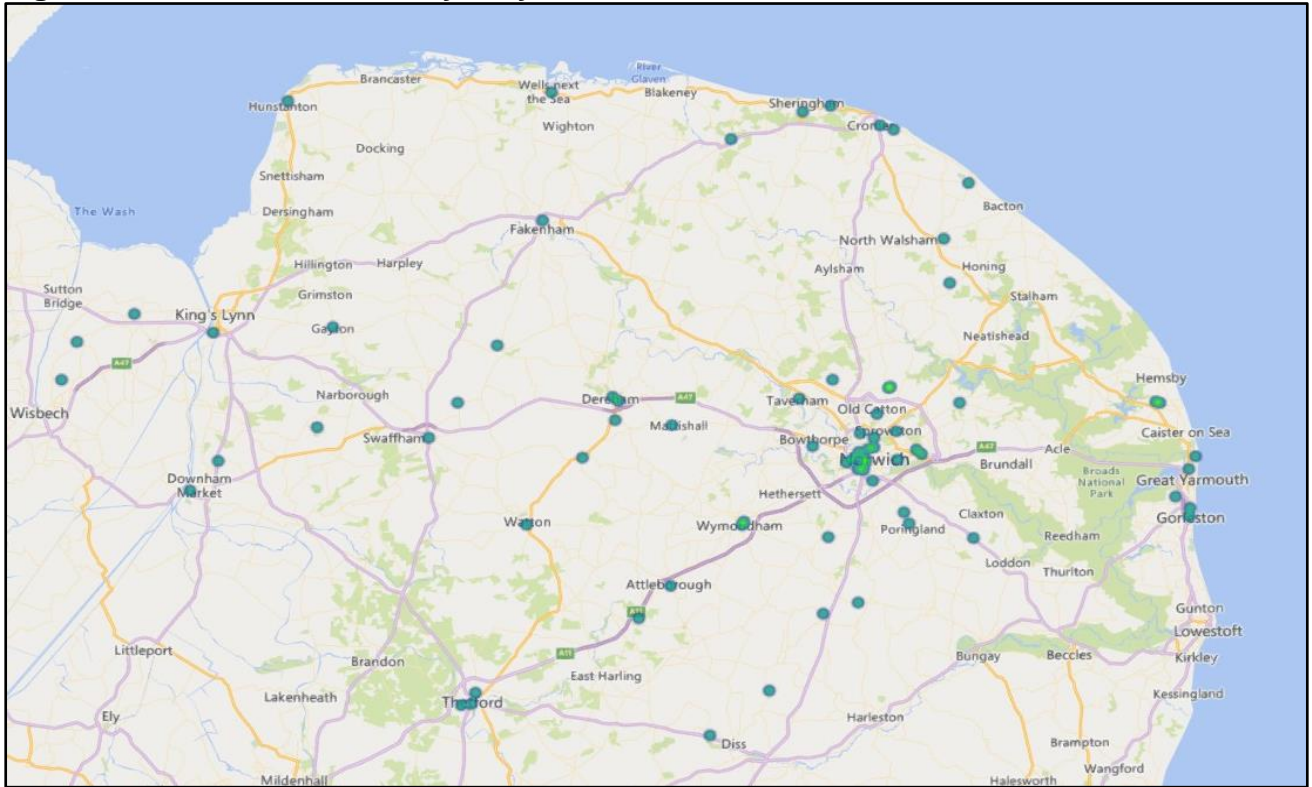
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Figure 30. Location of After School Clubs



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Figure 31. Location of Holiday Playschemes



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11. Districts

This section will look more closely at each of Norfolk's seven districts

11.1 Breckland



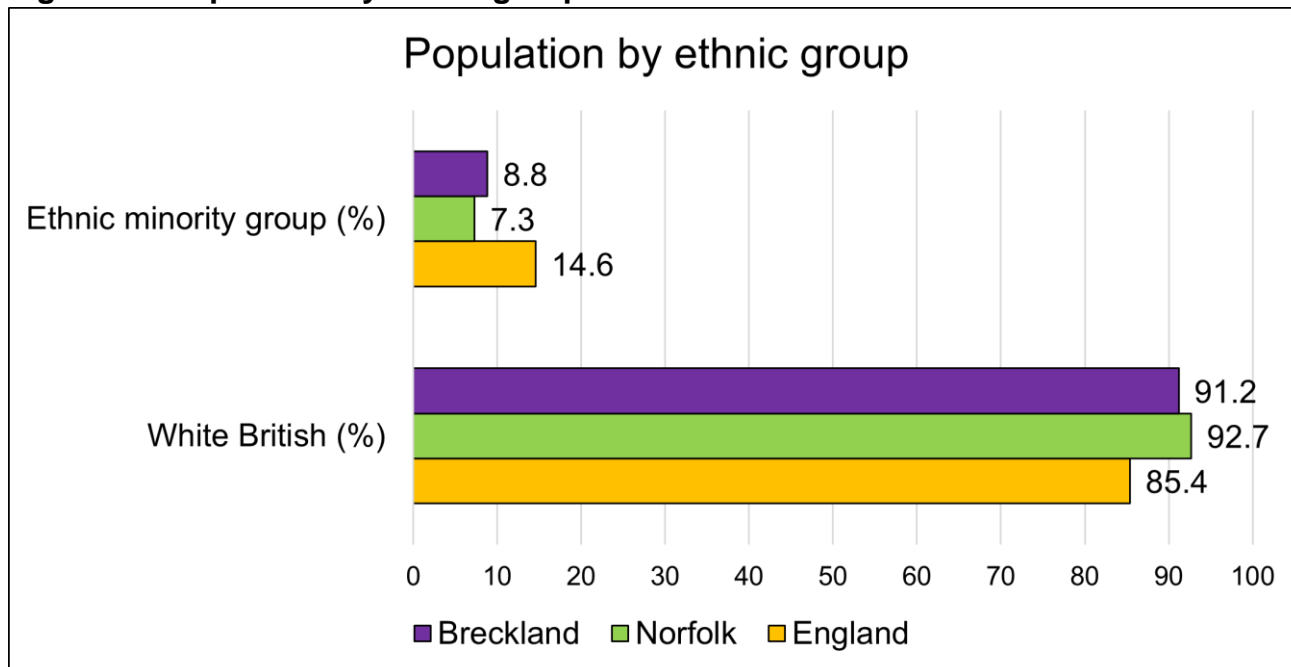
Population

Figure 32. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's	4-5's
Breckland	1,025	1,268	1,271	1,368	1,389

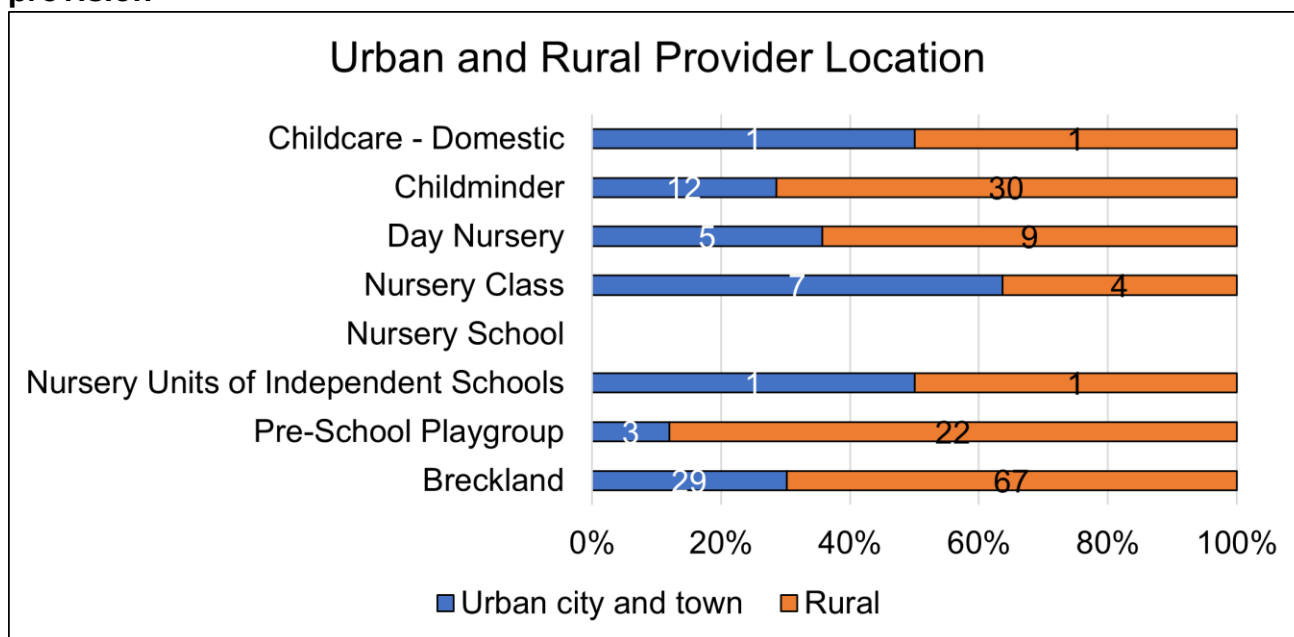
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Figure 33. Population by ethnic group 2011



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Figure 34. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Figure 35. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
Breckland	1,197	892	203
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0-5 year olds

Figure 36. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 & 4 year olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Breckland	156	766	678	80	722	2,402
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 37. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Breckland	80	464	271	8	101	924
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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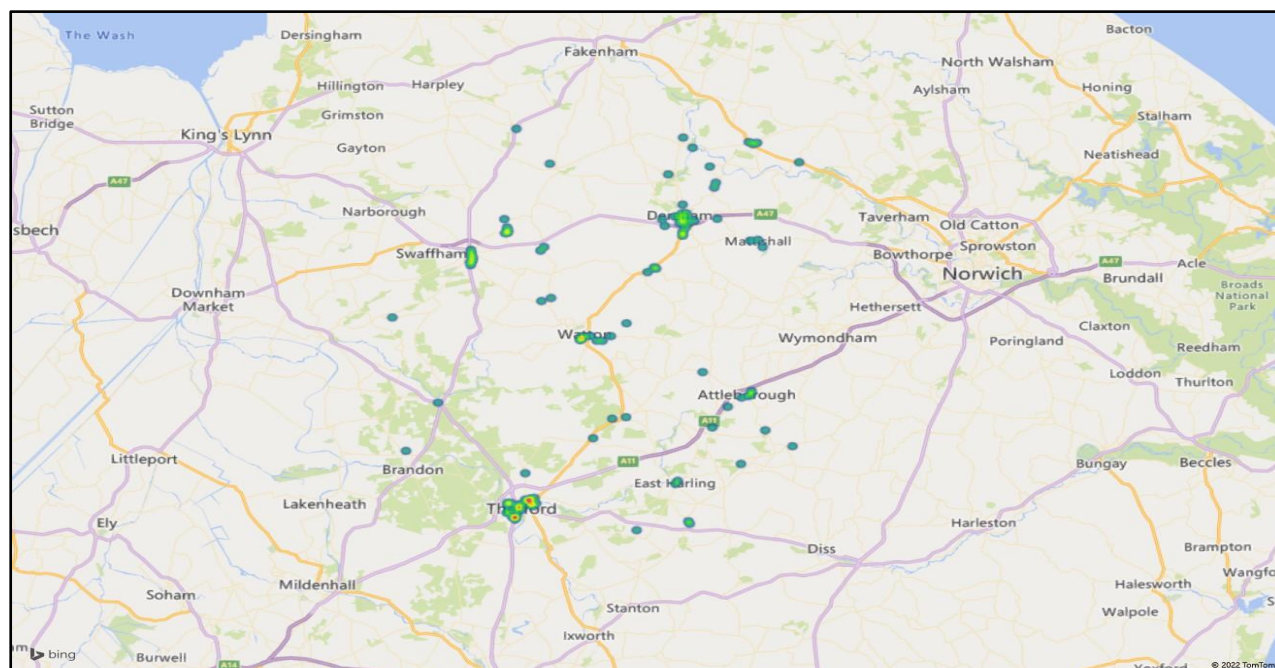
Figure 38. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Breckland	20	23	37	2	17	99
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 39. Location of Breckland childcare providers



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Figure 40. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
Breckland	£4.13	£5.32	£4.73
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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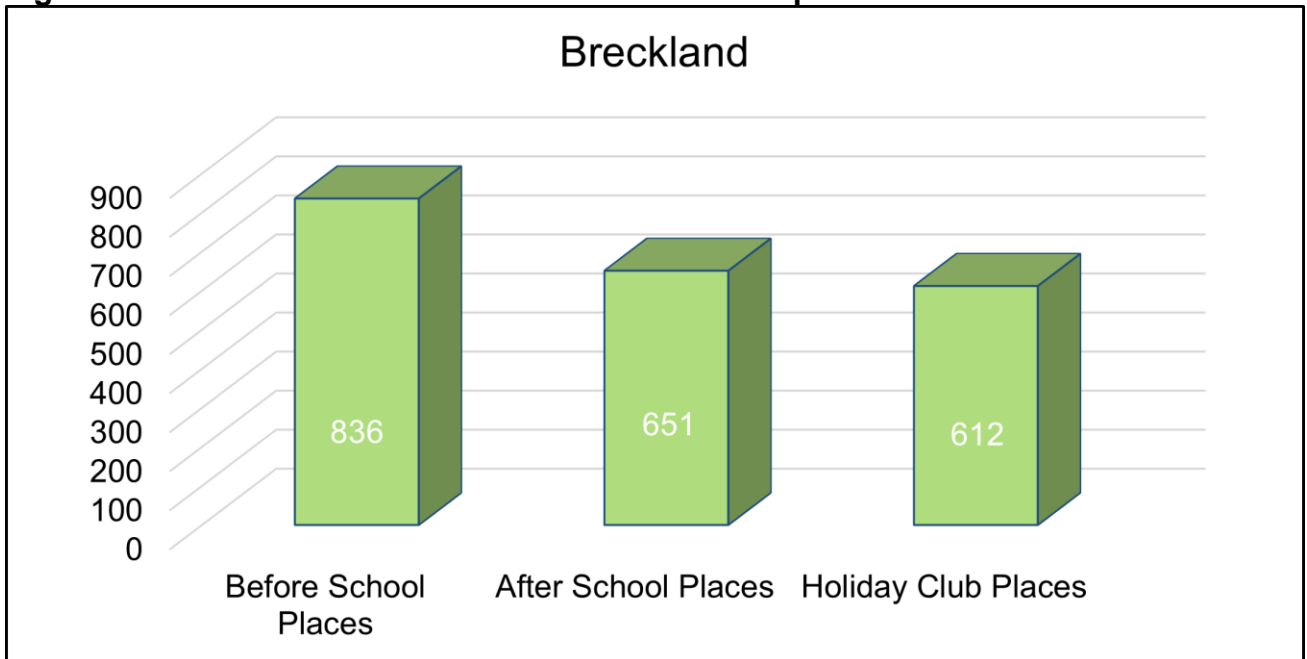
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 41. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14-18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
Breckland	14,425	69	14,494

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Figure 41. Total number of Out of School childcare places in Breckland



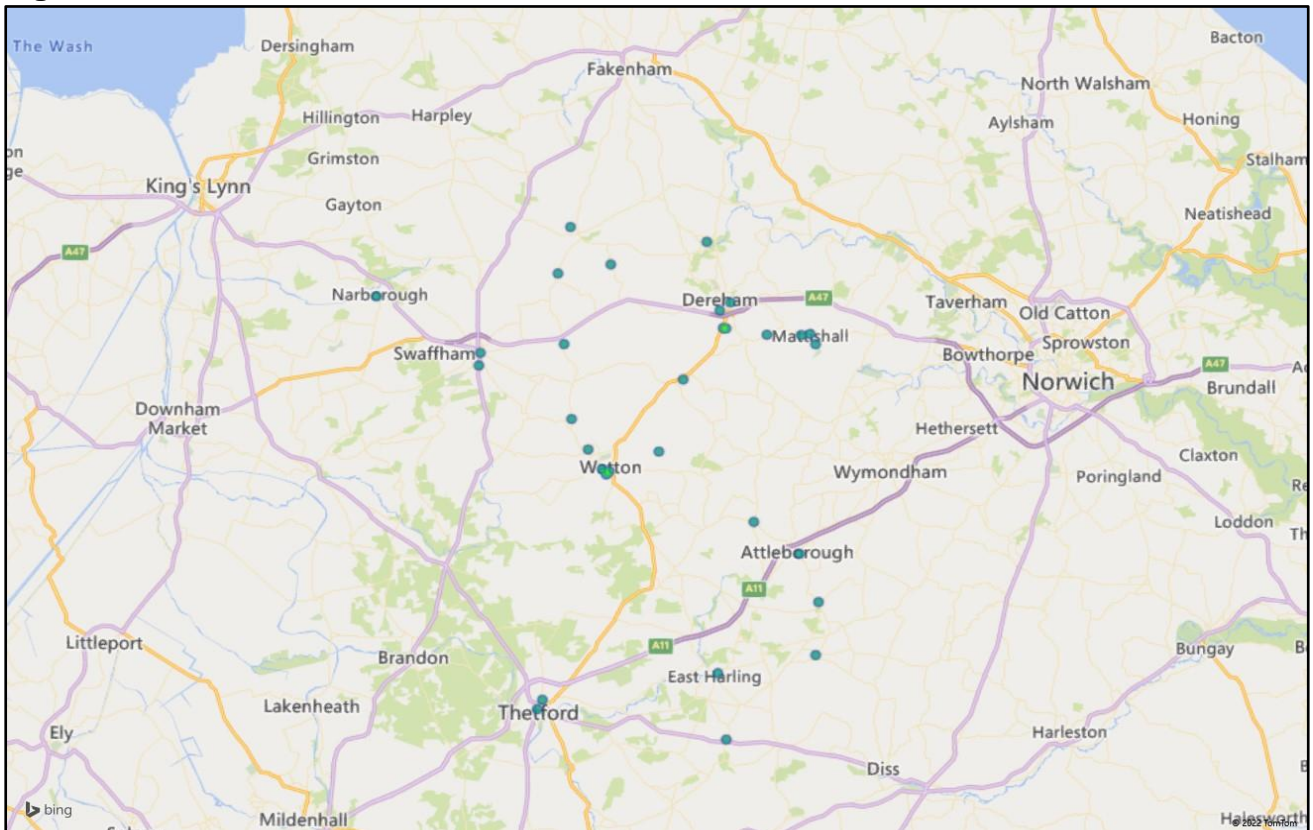
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Figure 42. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
Breckland	£2.89	£9.36	£16.02
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

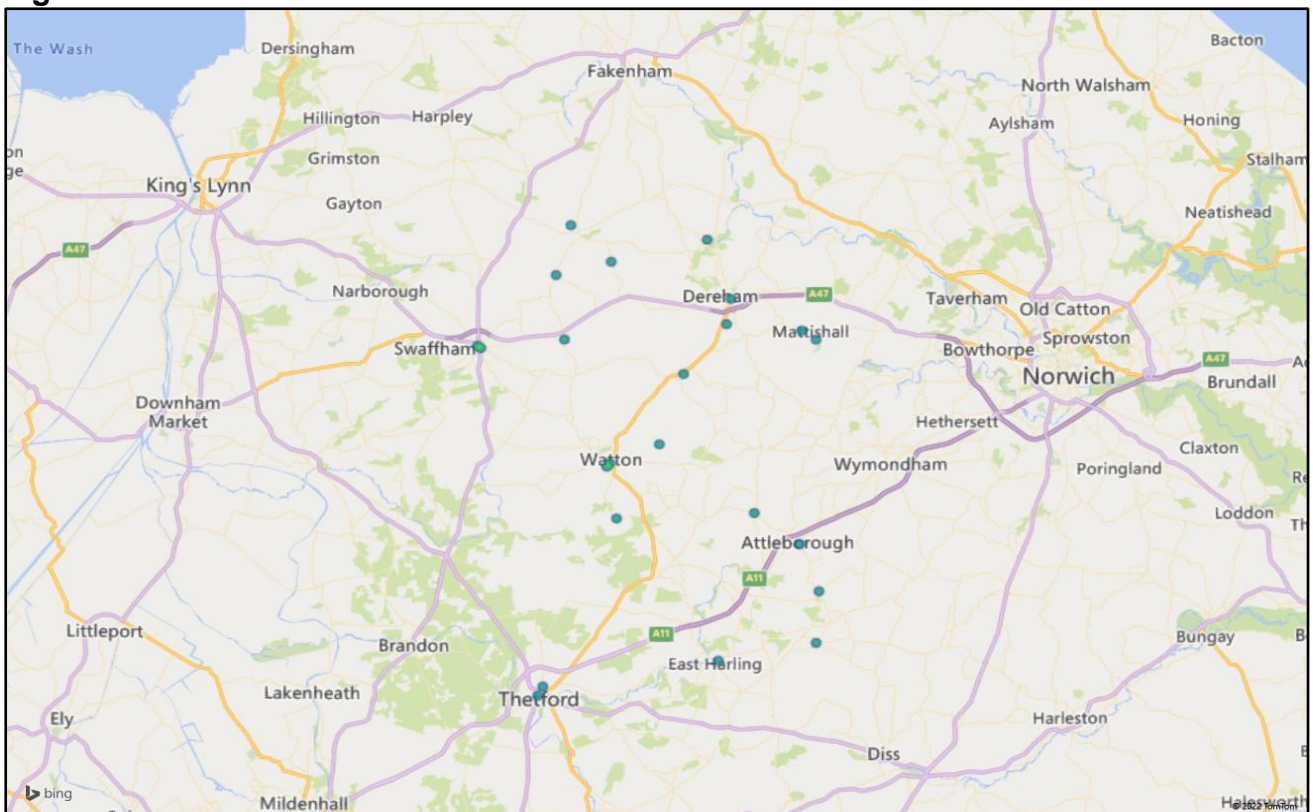
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Figure 43. Location of Breckland Breakfast Clubs



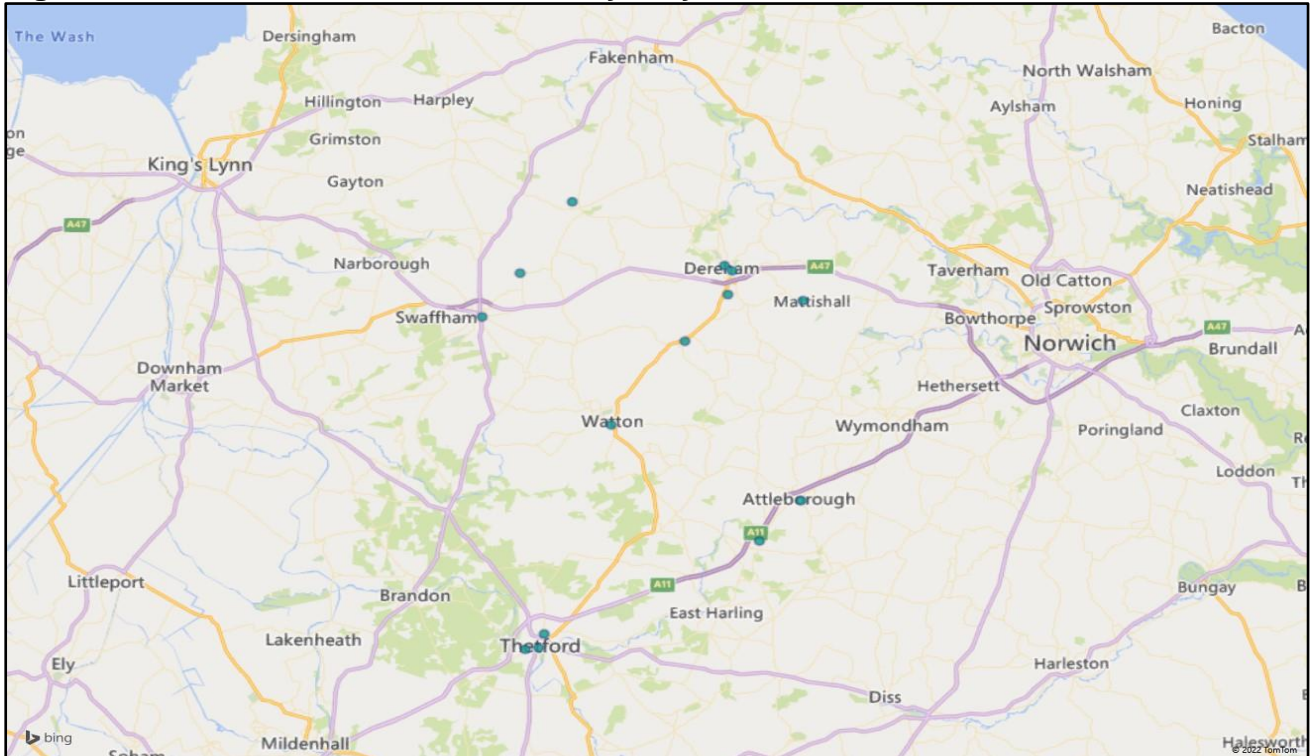
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Figure 44. Location of Breckland After School Clubs



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Figure 45. Location of Breckland Holiday Playschemes



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Breckland Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 36 & 37 the reported number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 and 4 year-olds - **2,402**
 - 2 year-olds - **924**
 - Total – **3,326**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **2,639** children in 2 to 3's and 3 to 4's academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year-olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the district

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Future housing projects in Watton, Theford and Attleborough will increase the demand for early years provision in those areas

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the Breckland district, will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand
- Supply and demand in Swaffham will be monitored as this area has insufficient childcare to meet local parental demand

11.2 Broadland



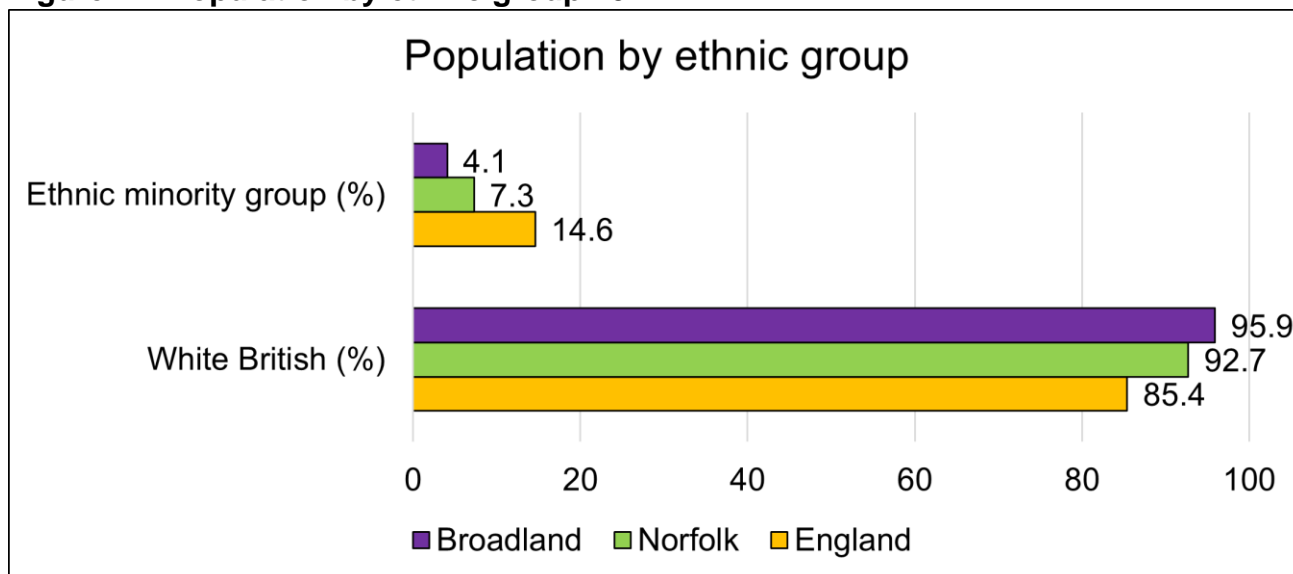
Population

Figure 46. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's	4-5's
Broadland	940	1,054	1,126	1,263	1,292

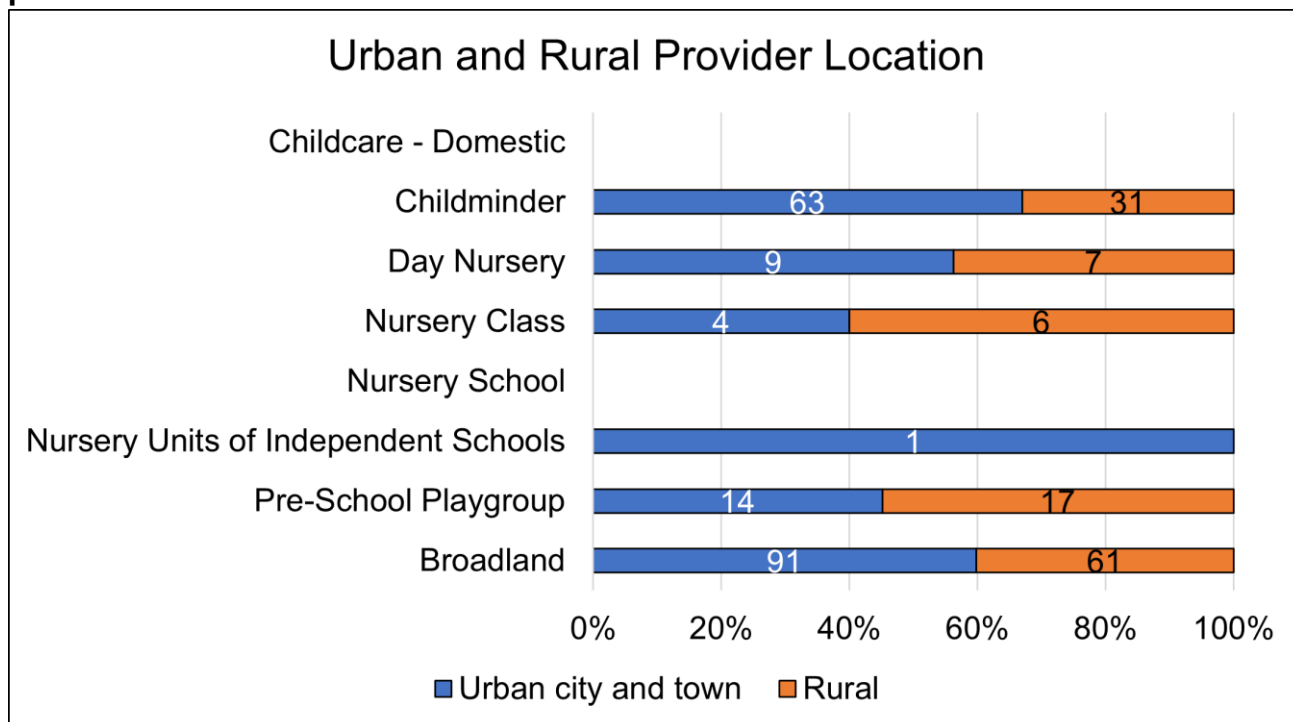
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Figure 47. Population by ethnic group 2011



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Figure 48. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 49. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
Broadland	1,346	1,343	261
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year olds

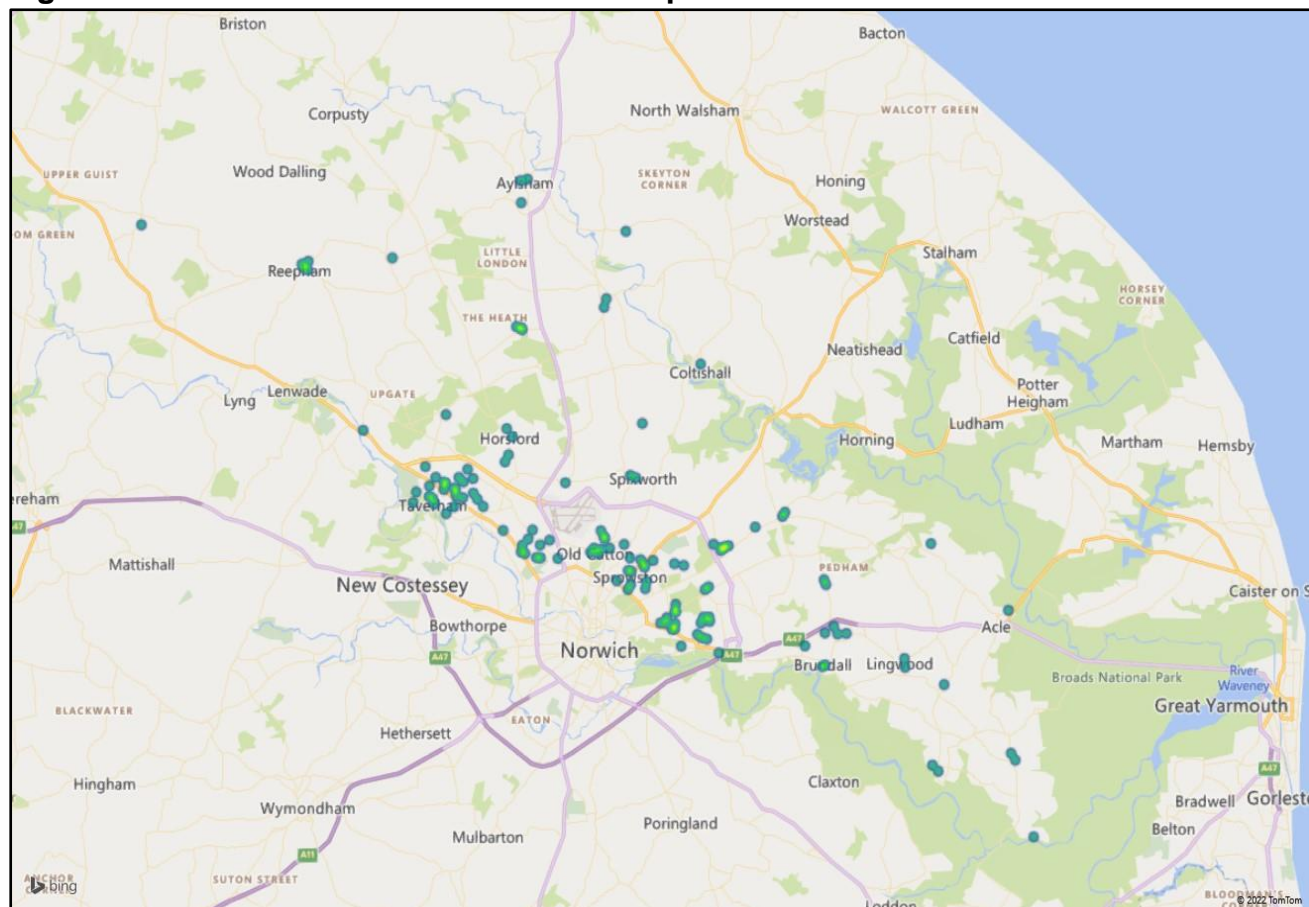
Figure 50. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Broadland	15	23	59	1	15	113
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 51. Location of Broadland childcare providers



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Figure 52. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Broadland	278	736	739	128	703	2,584
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 53. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Broadland	136	322	289	16	60	823
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 54. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
Broadland	£4.45	£6.12	£5.35
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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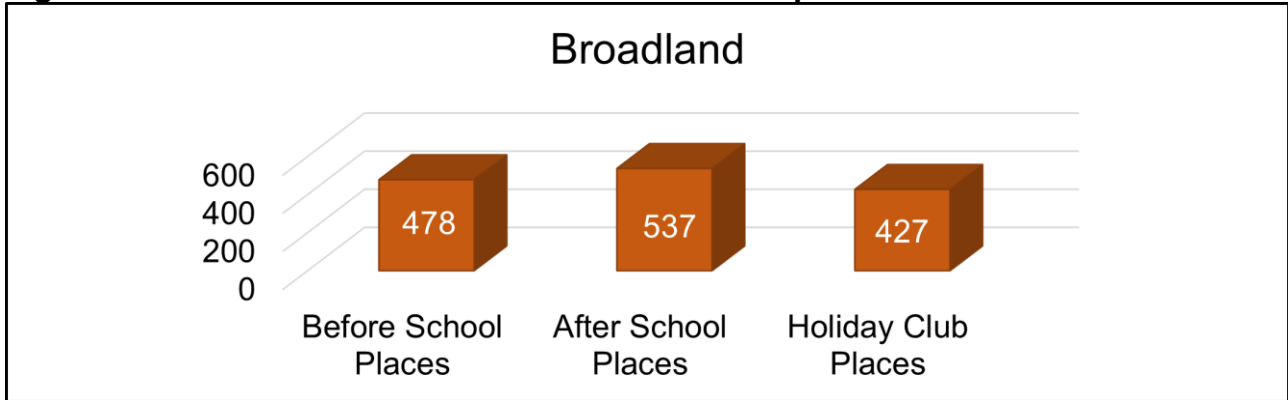
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 55. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14-18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
Broadland	13,639	76	13,715

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Figure 56. Total number of Out of School childcare places in Broadland



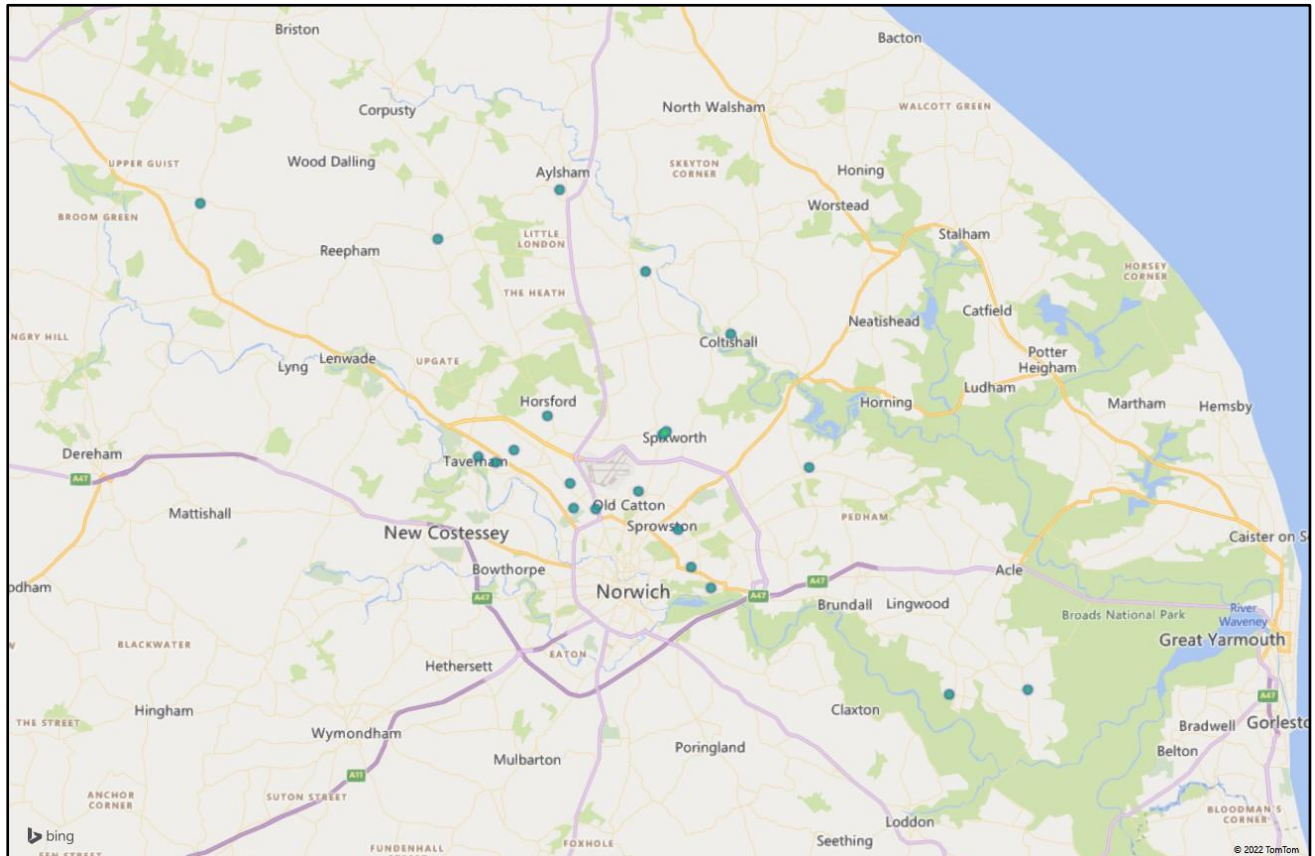
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Figure 57. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
Broadland	£4.17	£8.25	£19.50
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

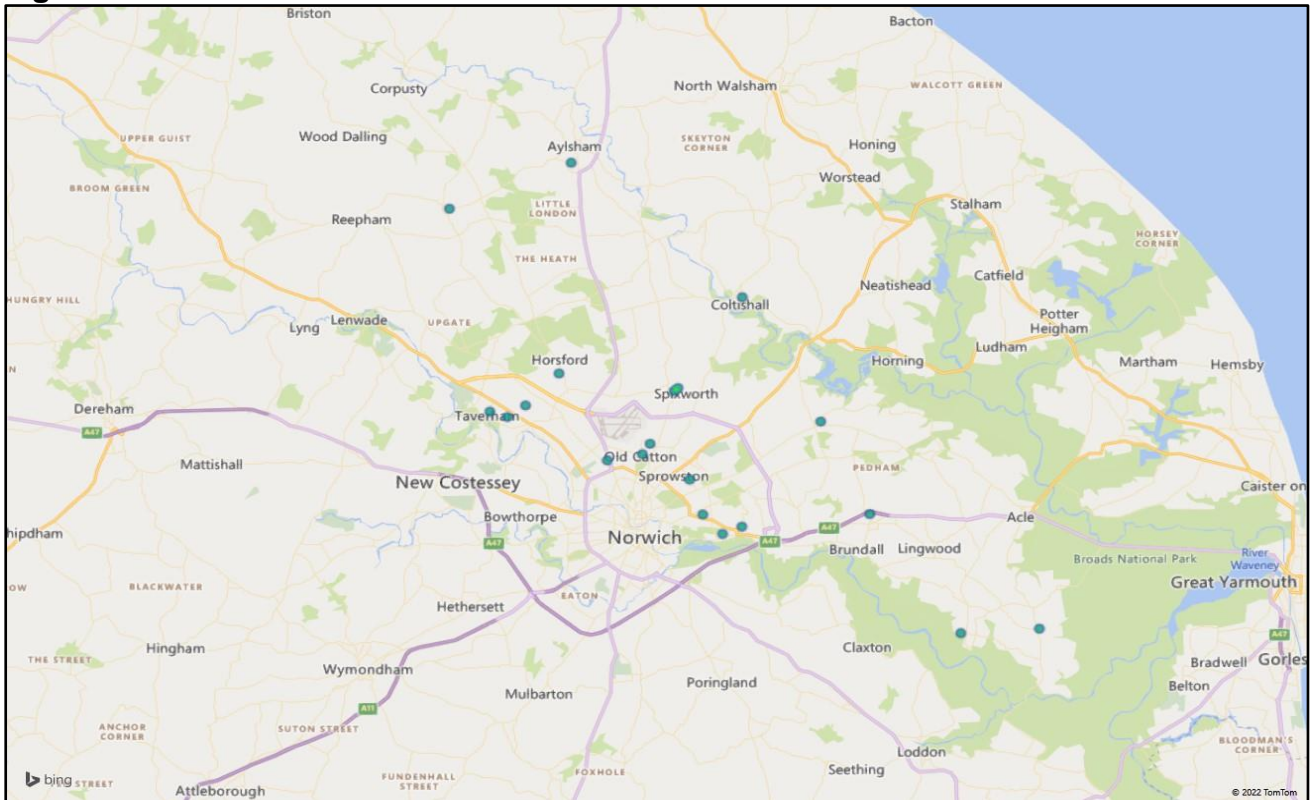
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Figure 58. Location of Broadland Breakfast Clubs



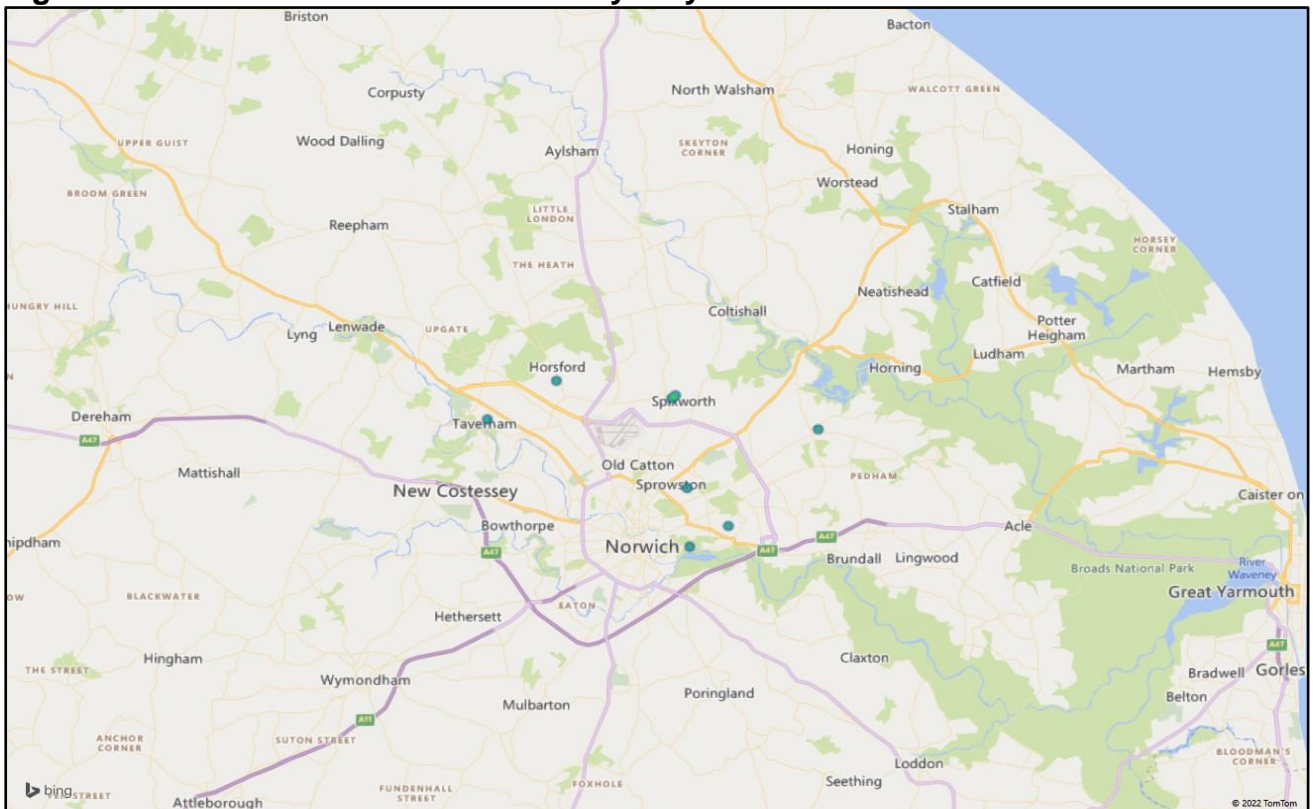
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Figure 59. Location of Broadland After School Clubs



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Figure 60. Location of Broadland Holiday Playschemes



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Broadland Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 52 & 53 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 to 4 year-olds - **2,584**
 - 2 year-olds - **823**
 - Total – **3,407**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **2,389** children in 2 to 3 year-olds and 3 to 4 year-olds academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the district

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Current and future housing projects in Aylsham, Rackheath and Sprowston, the latter being part of the Greater Norwich Growth Triangle, will increase the demand for early years provision in those areas

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the Broadland district will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand

11.3 Great Yarmouth



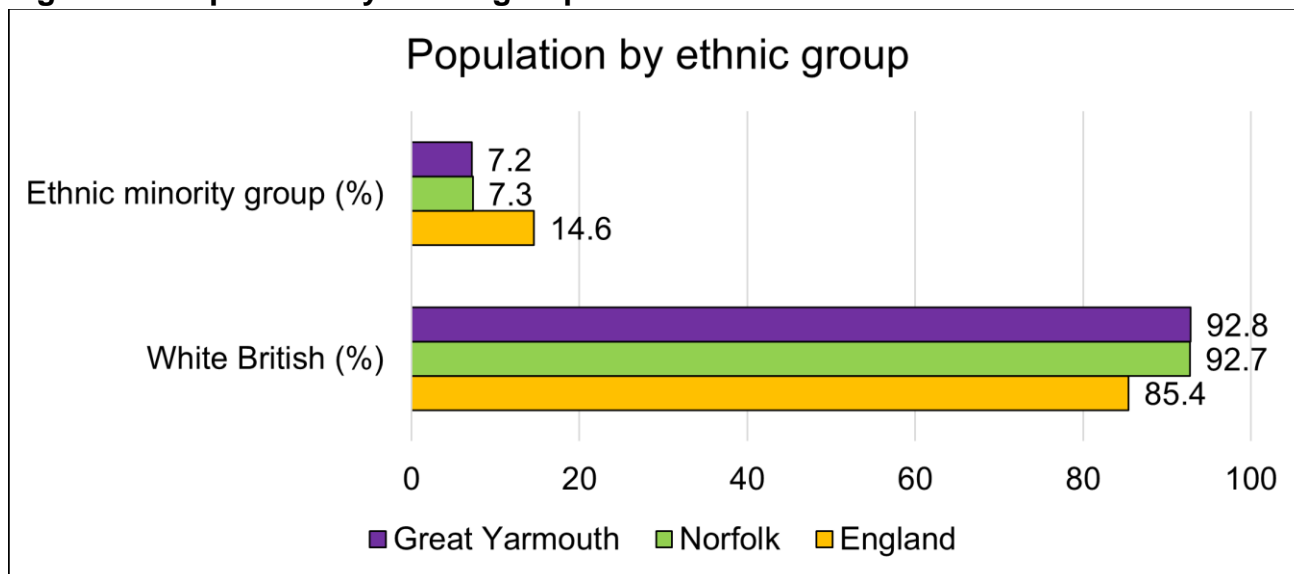
Population

Figure 61. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's	4-5's
Great Yarmouth	706	935	1,000	960	1,063

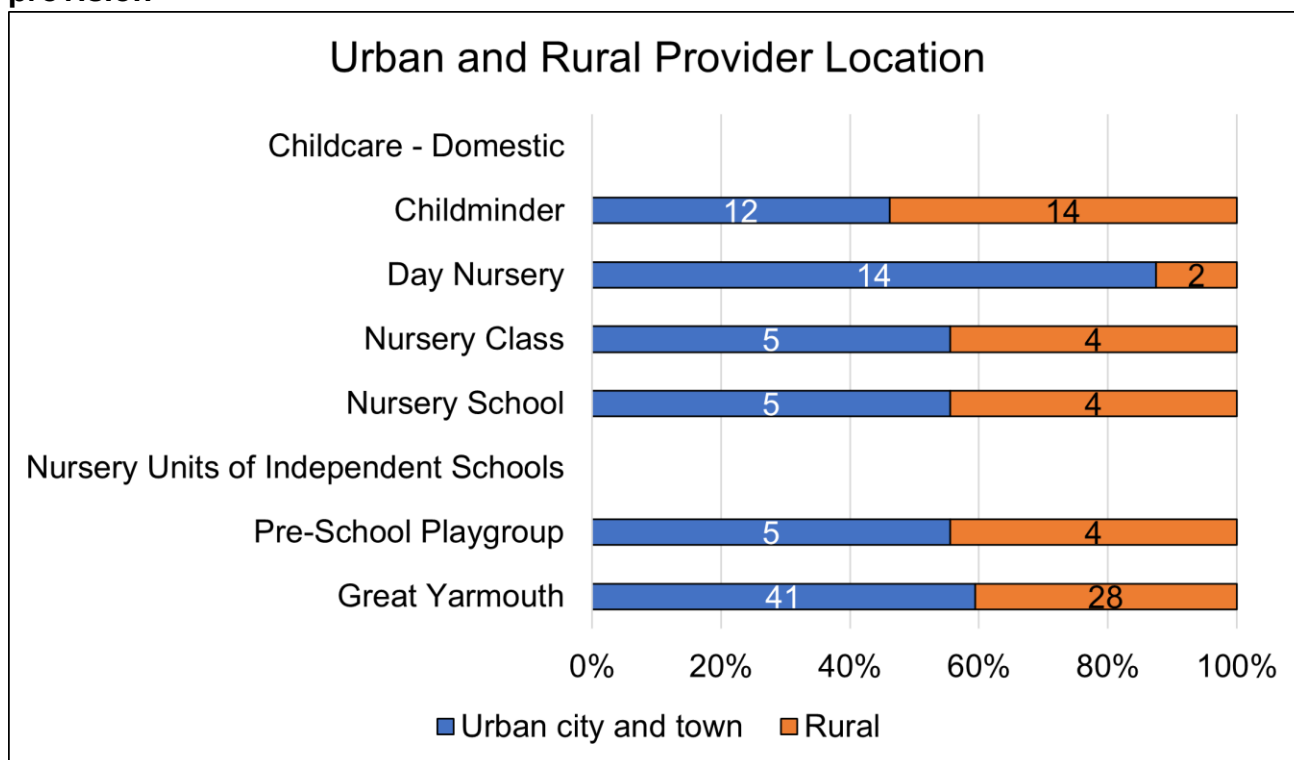
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Figure 62. Population by ethnic group 2011



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Figure 63. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 64. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
Great Yarmouth	985	513	145
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year olds

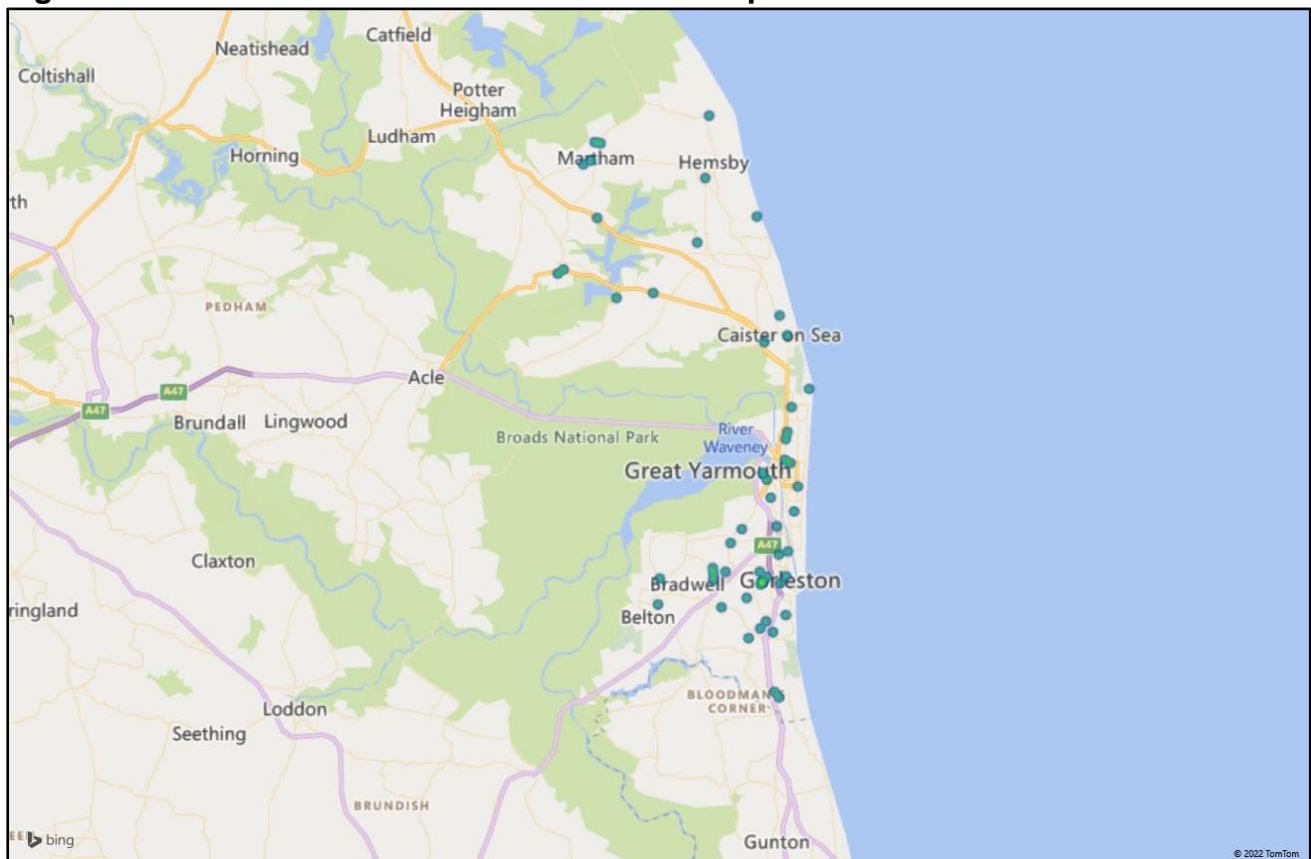
Figure 65. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Great Yarmouth	13	3	18	0	17	51
Norfolk Total	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 66. Location of Great Yarmouth childcare providers



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Figure 67. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Great Yarmouth	106	750	184	0	737	1,777
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 68. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Great Yarmouth	54	376	64	0	19	513
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 69. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
Great Yarmouth	£4.07	£4.60	£4.16
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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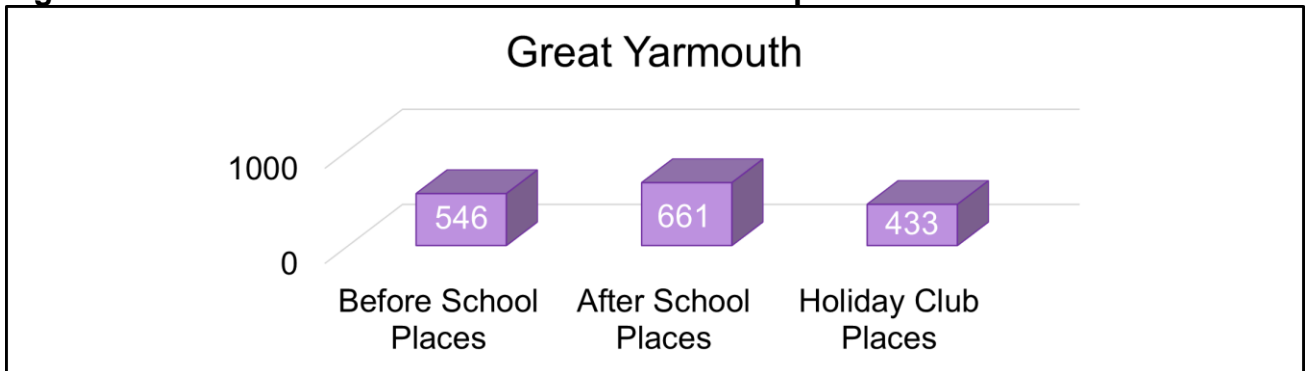
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 70. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14-18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
Great Yarmouth	10,832	55	10,887

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Figure 71. Total number of Out of School childcare places in Great Yarmouth



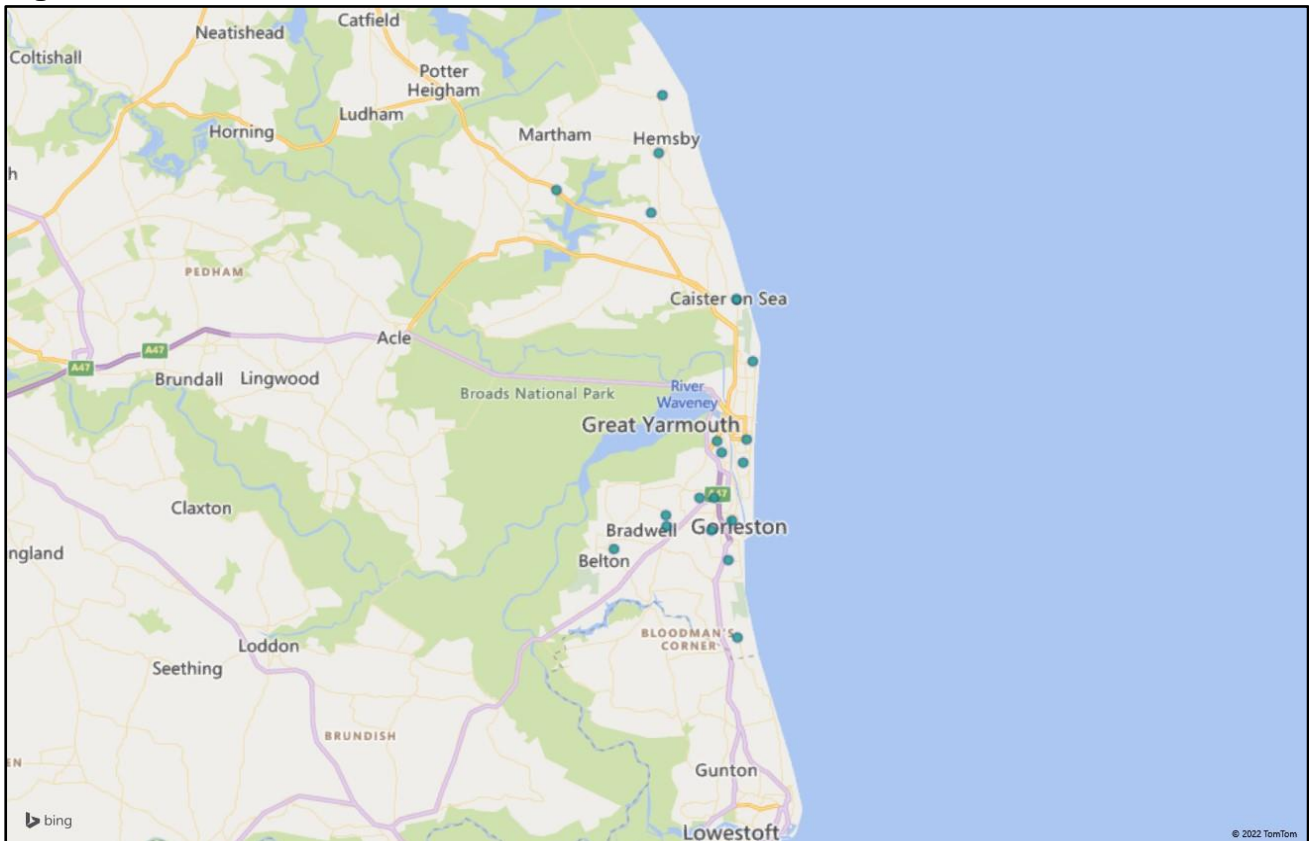
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Figure 72. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
Great Yarmouth	£1.67	£6.42	£16.50
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

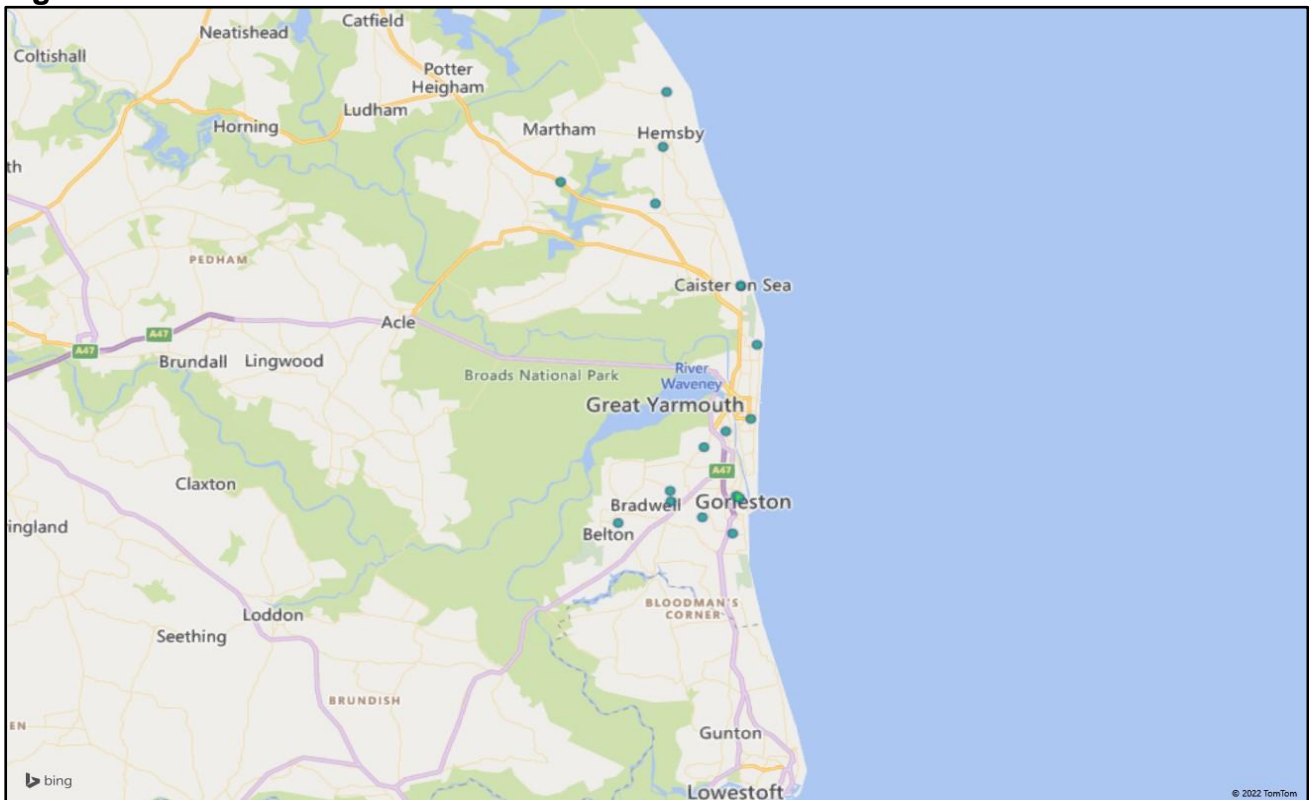
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Figure 73. Location of Great Yarmouth Breakfast Clubs



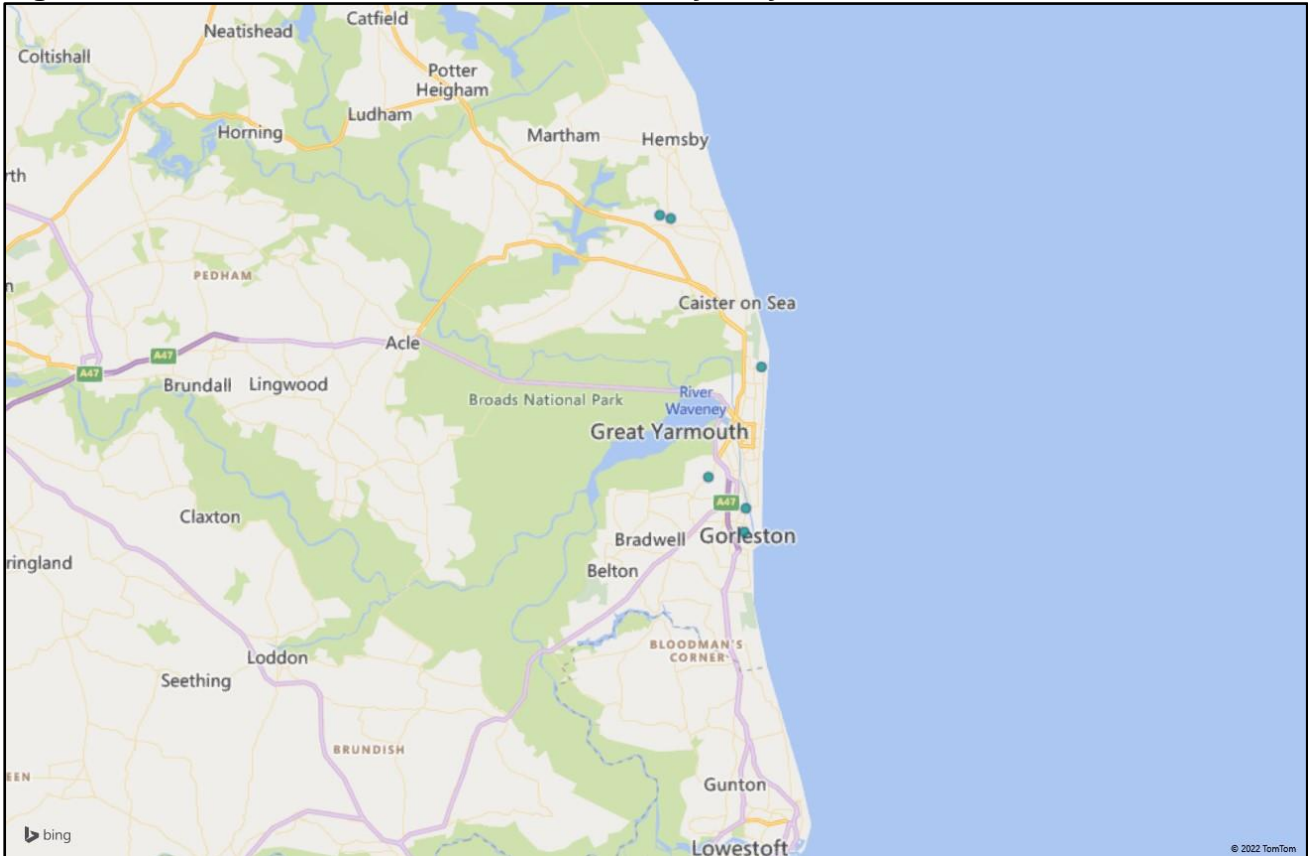
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Figure 74. Location of Great Yarmouth After School Clubs



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Figure 75. Location of Great Yarmouth Holiday Playschemes



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Great Yarmouth Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 67 & 68 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 to 4 year-olds - **1,777**
 - 2 year-olds - **513**
 - Total – **2,290**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **1,935** children in 2-3's and 3-4's academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the borough

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Current and future housing projects in Bradwell, Gorleston and Caister will increase the demand for early years provision in these areas

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the Great Yarmouth borough will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand.

11.4 King's Lynn & West Norfolk



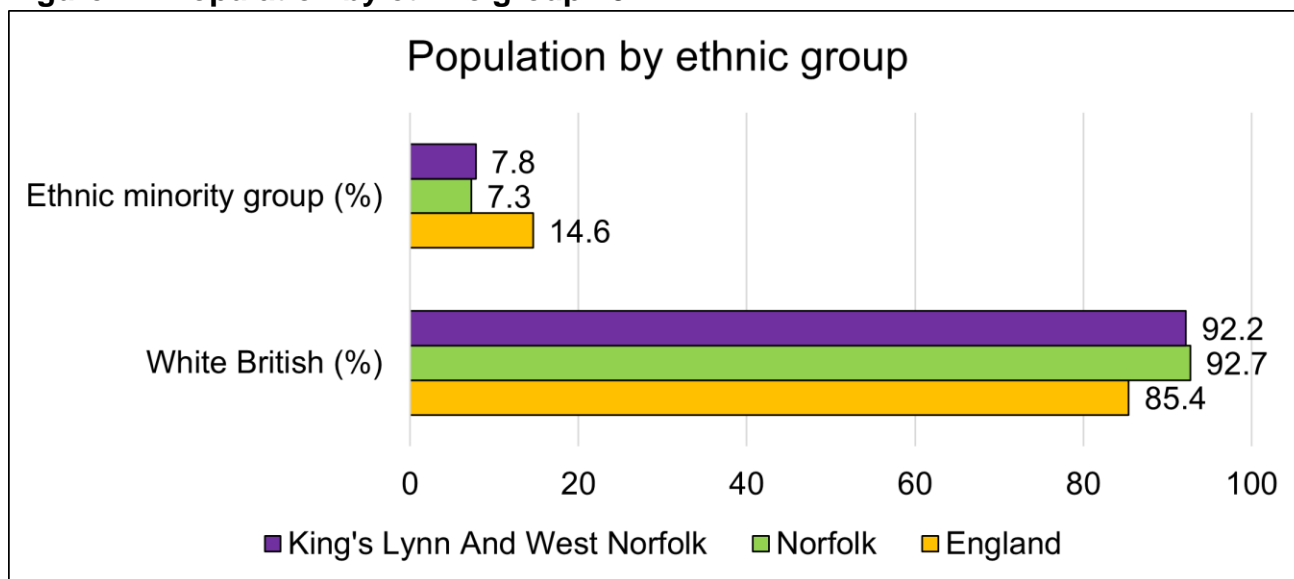
Population

Figure 76. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	1,155	1,392	1,402	1,530

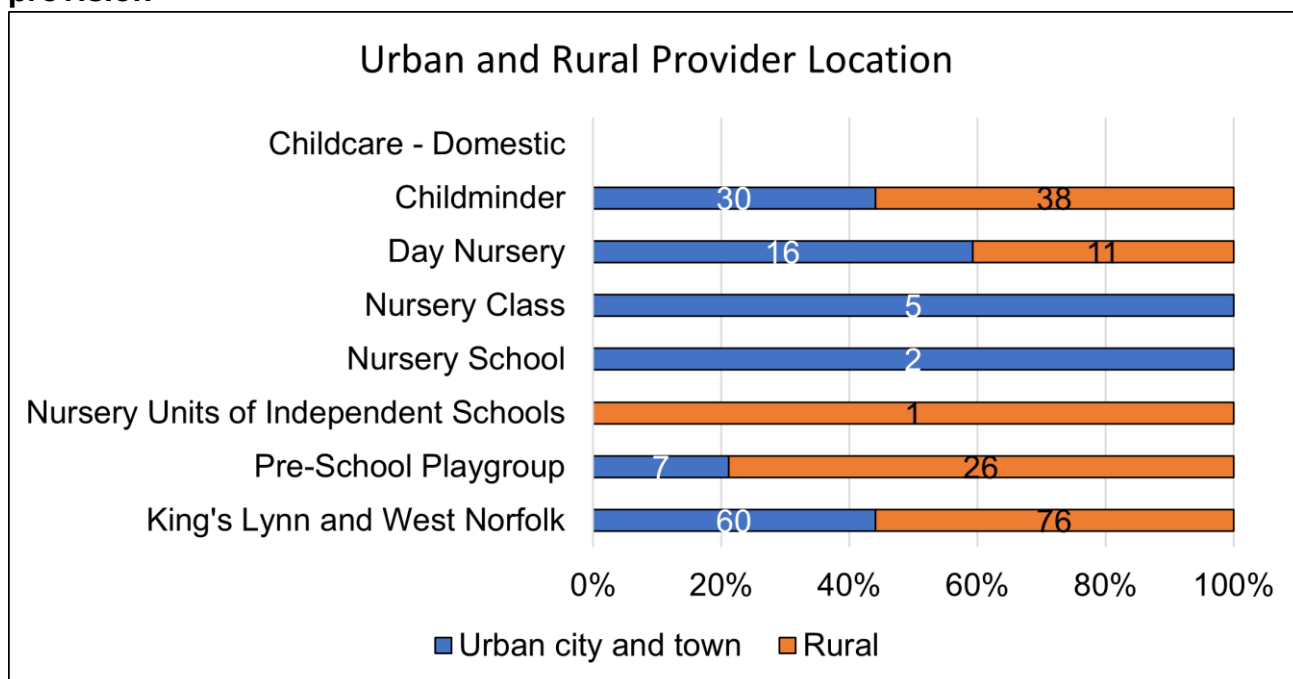
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Figure 77. Population by ethnic group 2011



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Figure 78. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 79. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	1,040	1,629	258
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year olds

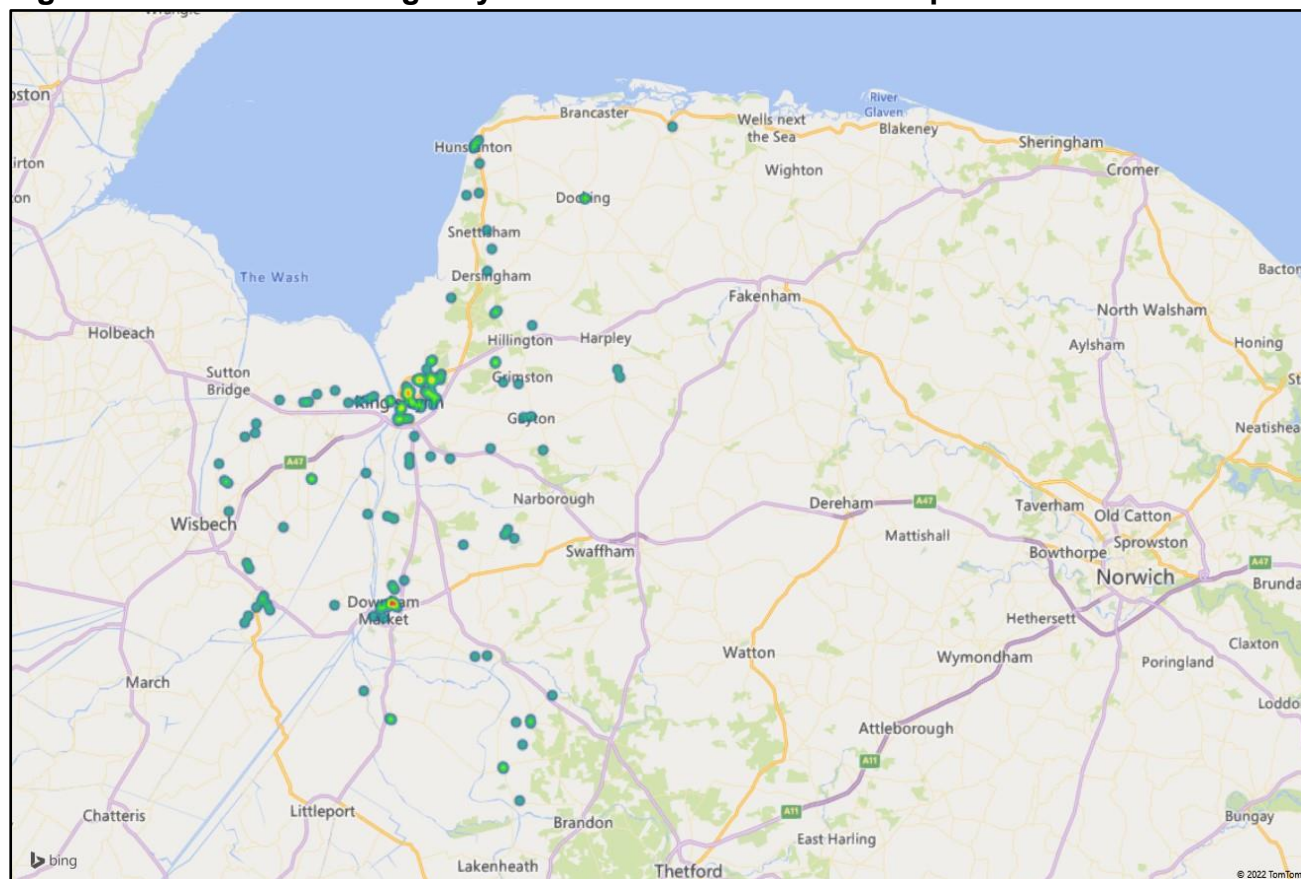
Figure 80. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	26	25	51	1	21	124
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 81. Location of King's Lynn & West Norfolk childcare providers



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Figure 82. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	240	1,147	838	48	801	3,074
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.
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Figure 83. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	114	472	331	52	94	1,063
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.
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Figure 84. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£4.39	£5.05	£4.54
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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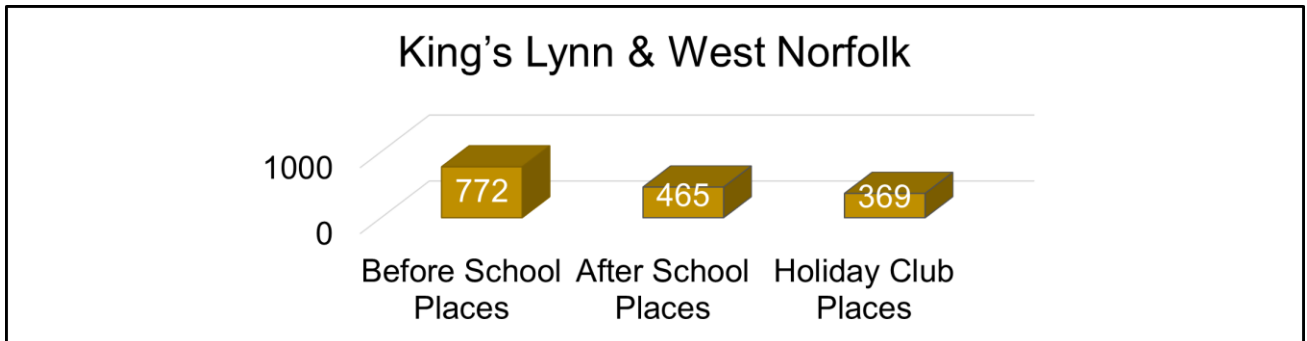
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 85. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14 to 18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	14,720	124	14,844

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Figure 86. Total number of Out of School childcare places in King's Lynn & West Norfolk



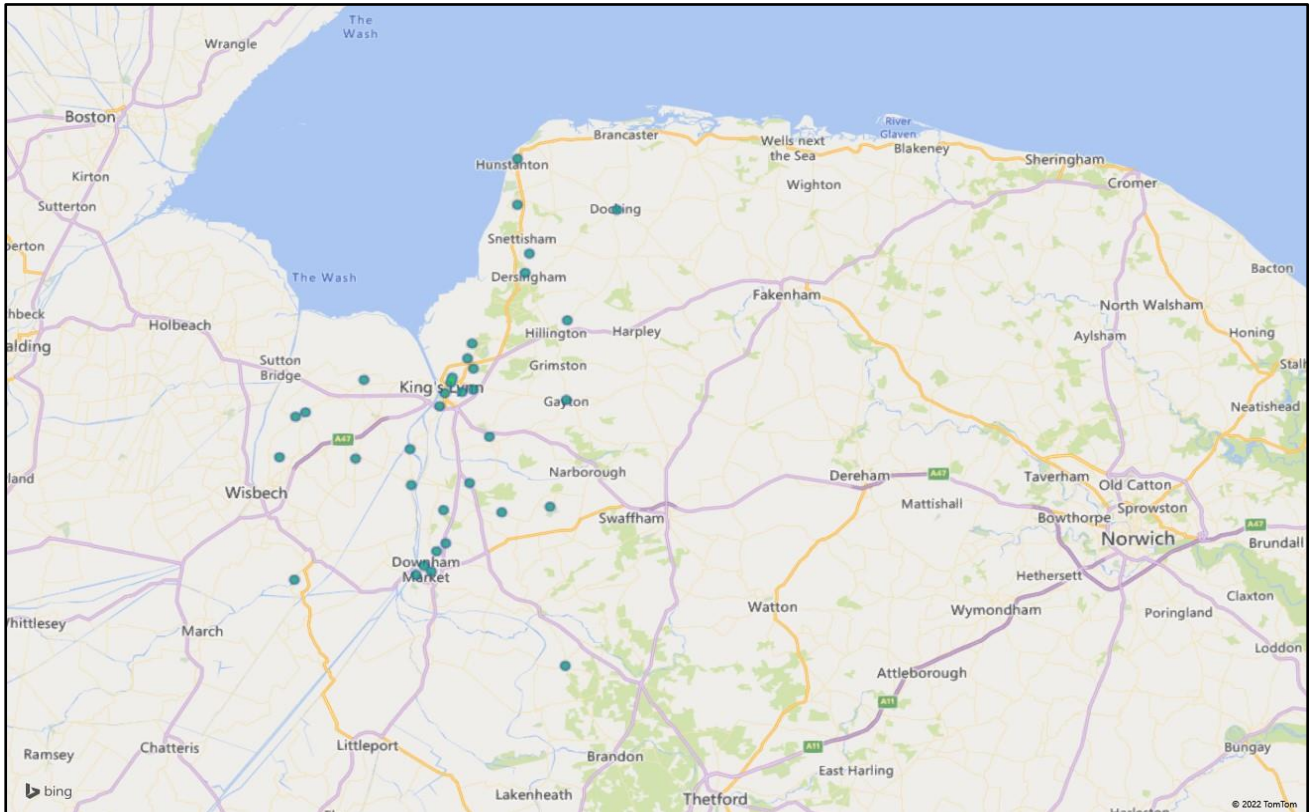
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Figure 87. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
King's Lynn & West Norfolk	£2.02	£7.74	£51.67
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

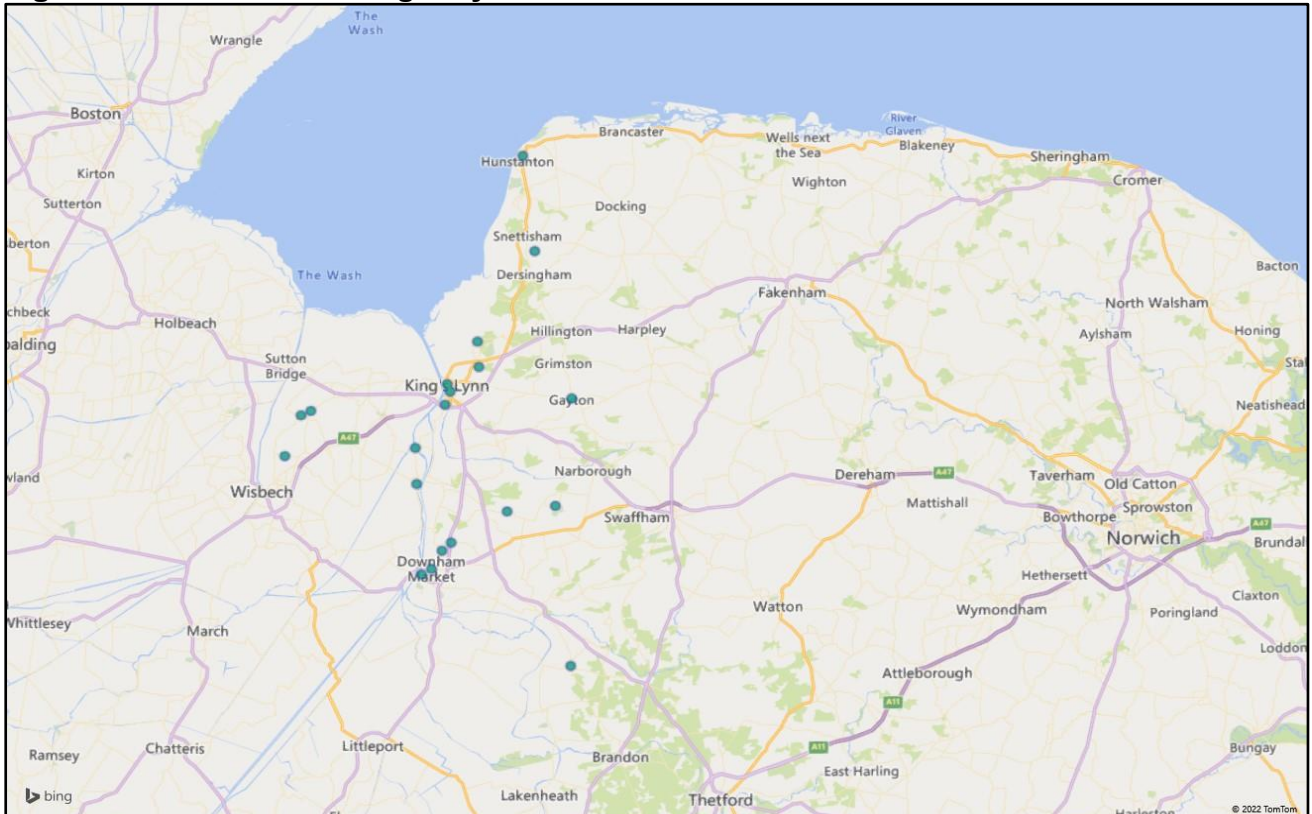
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Figure 88. Location of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Breakfast Clubs



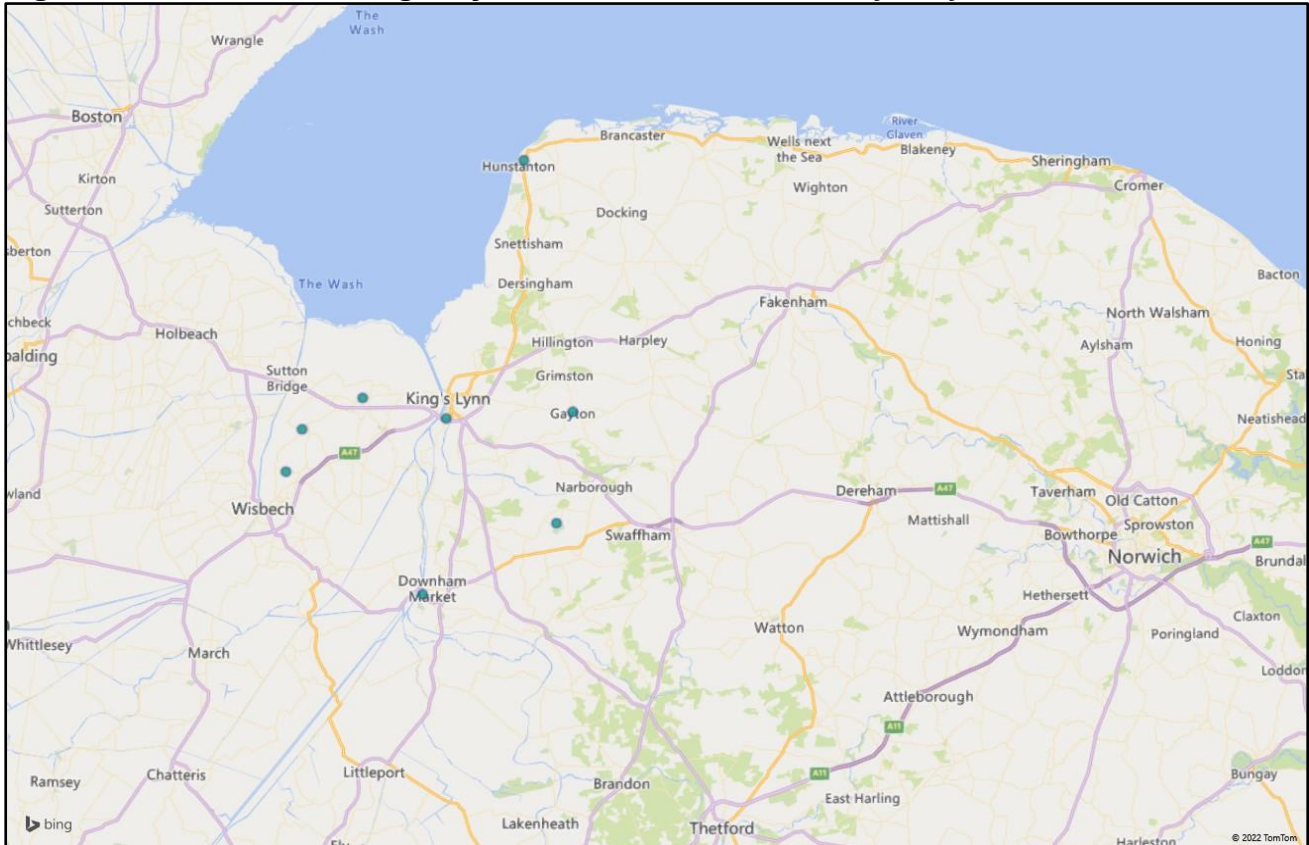
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Figure 89. Location of King's Lynn & West Norfolk After School Clubs



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Figure 90. Location of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Holiday Playschemes



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King's Lynn & West Norfolk Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 82 & 83 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3-4's - **3,074**
 - 2YO's – **1,063**
 - Total – **4,137**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **2,932** children in 2-3's and 3-4's academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the borough

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Future housing projects in West Winch and at Knight's Hill in King's Lynn will increase the demand for early years provision in these areas

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the King's Lynn & West Norfolk borough will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand.
- Demand for childcare places will be monitored around the Methwold area as recent childcare provider closures take effect

11.5 North Norfolk



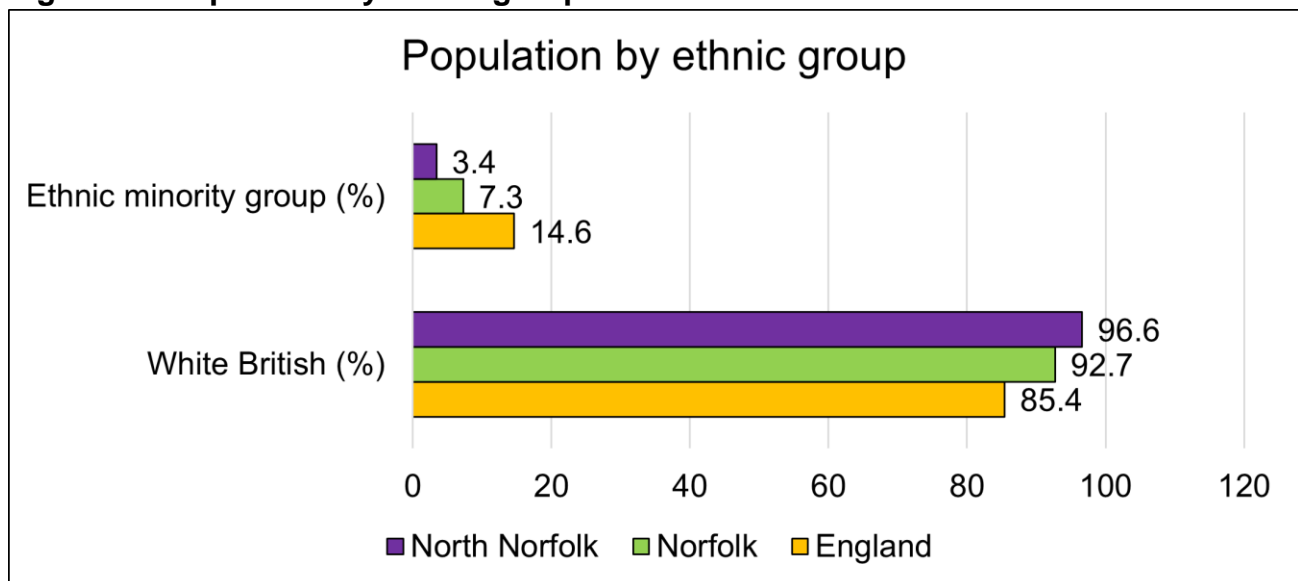
Population

Figure 91. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's
North Norfolk	537	641	666	708

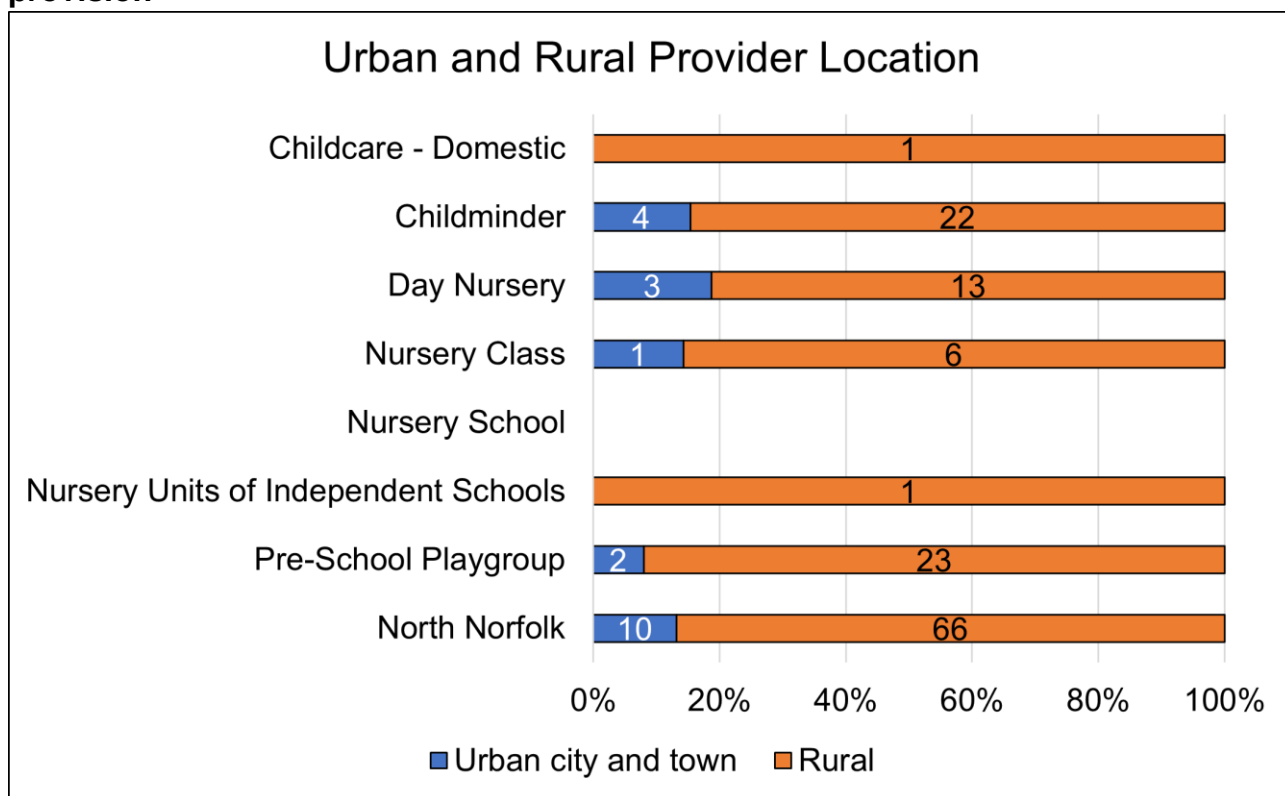
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Figure 92. Population by ethnic group 2011



Source: 2011 Census

Figure 93. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 94. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
North Norfolk	740	1,183	187
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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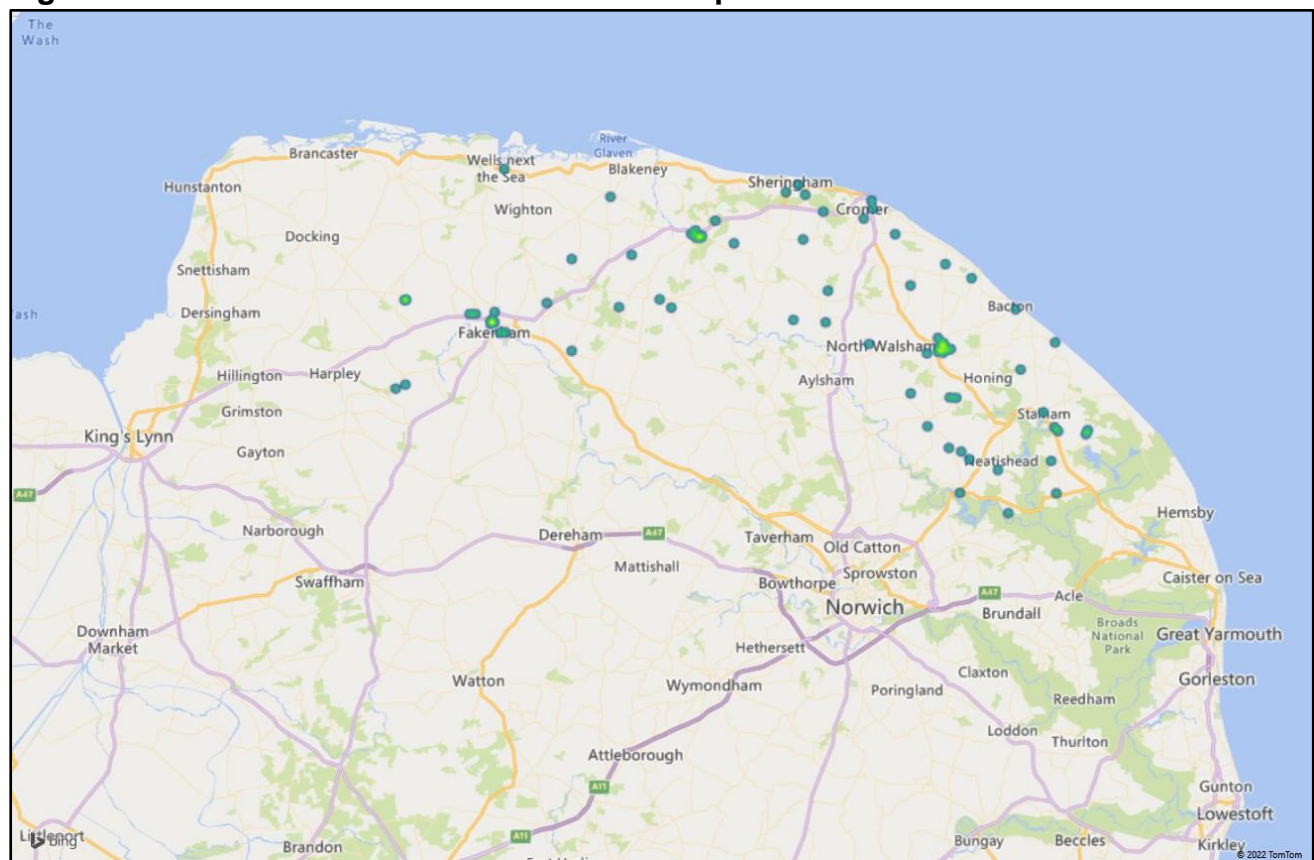
Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year-olds

Figure 95. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
North Norfolk	14	14	16	1	19	64
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.
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Figure 96. Location of North Norfolk childcare providers



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Figure 97. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
North Norfolk	90	458	409	120	625	1,702
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 98. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
North Norfolk	44	281	167	122	122	736
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 99. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
North Norfolk	£4.85	£5.49	£4.47
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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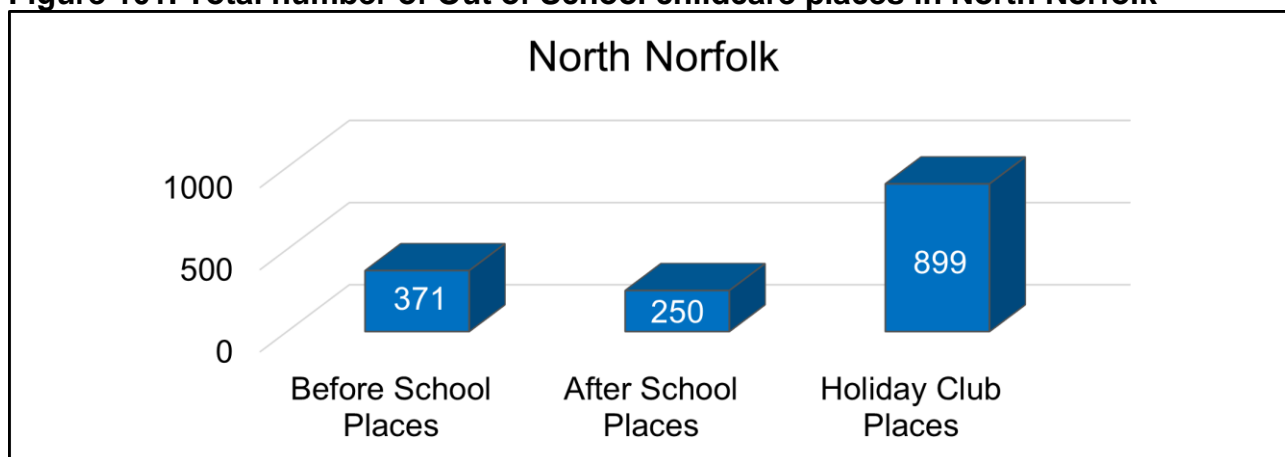
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 100. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14 to 18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
North Norfolk	8,641	47	8,688

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Figure 101. Total number of Out of School childcare places in North Norfolk



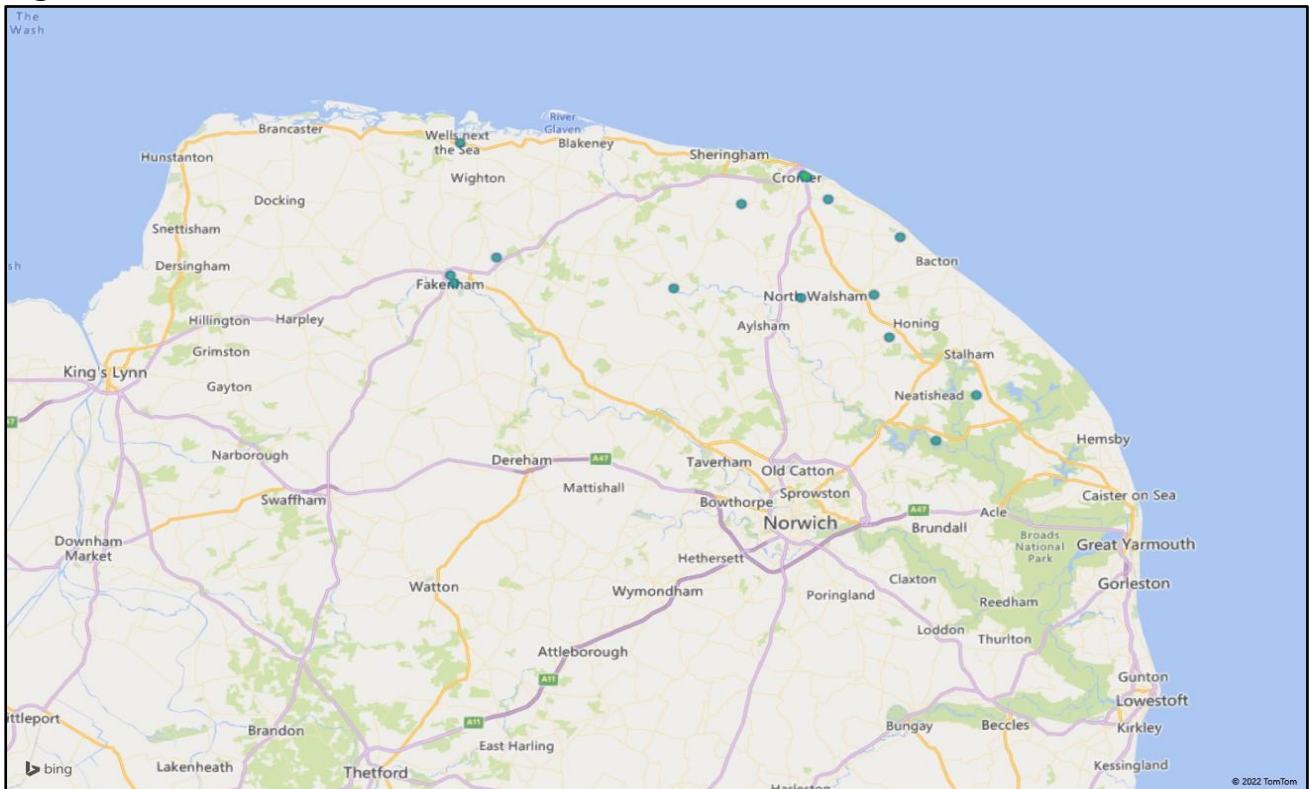
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Figure 102. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
North Norfolk	£2.17	£7.59	£24.80
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

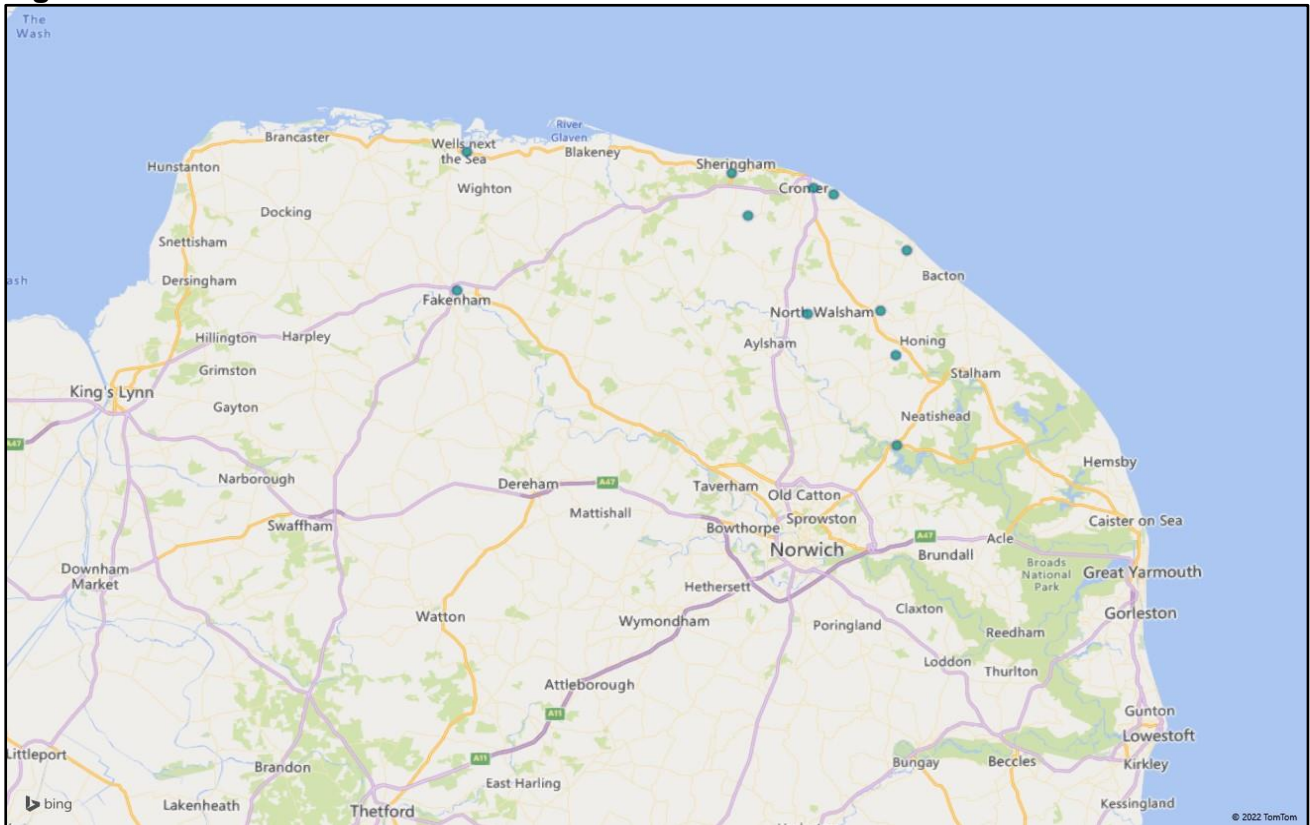
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Figure 103. Location of North Norfolk Breakfast Clubs



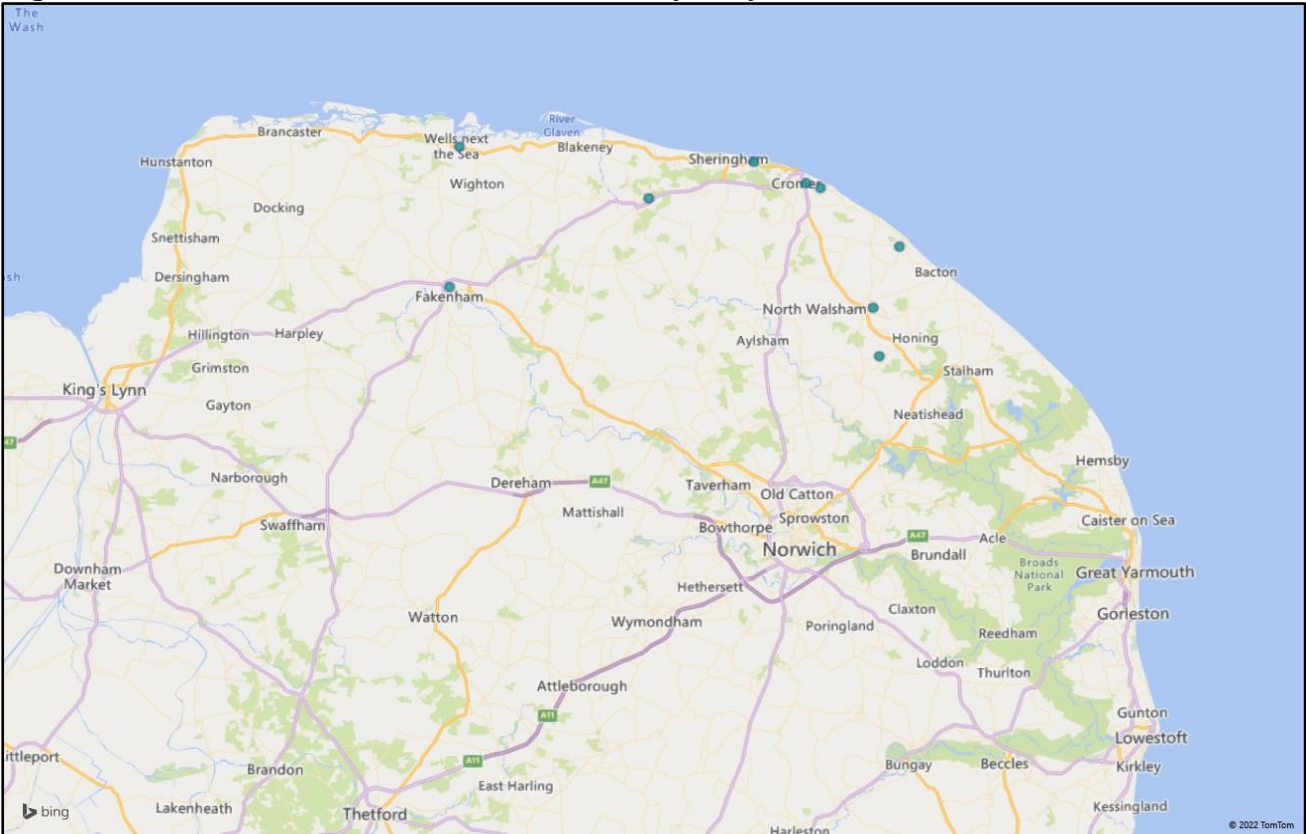
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Figure 104. Location of North Norfolk After School Clubs



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Figure 104. Location of North Norfolk Holiday Playschemes



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North Norfolk Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 97 & 98 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 and 4 year-olds - **1,702**
 - 2 year-olds – **736**
 - Total – **2,438**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **1,374** children in 2-3's and 3-4's academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the borough

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Future housing projects in Cromer, Fakenham and North Walsham will increase the demand for early years provision

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the North Norfolk district will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand

11.6 Norwich



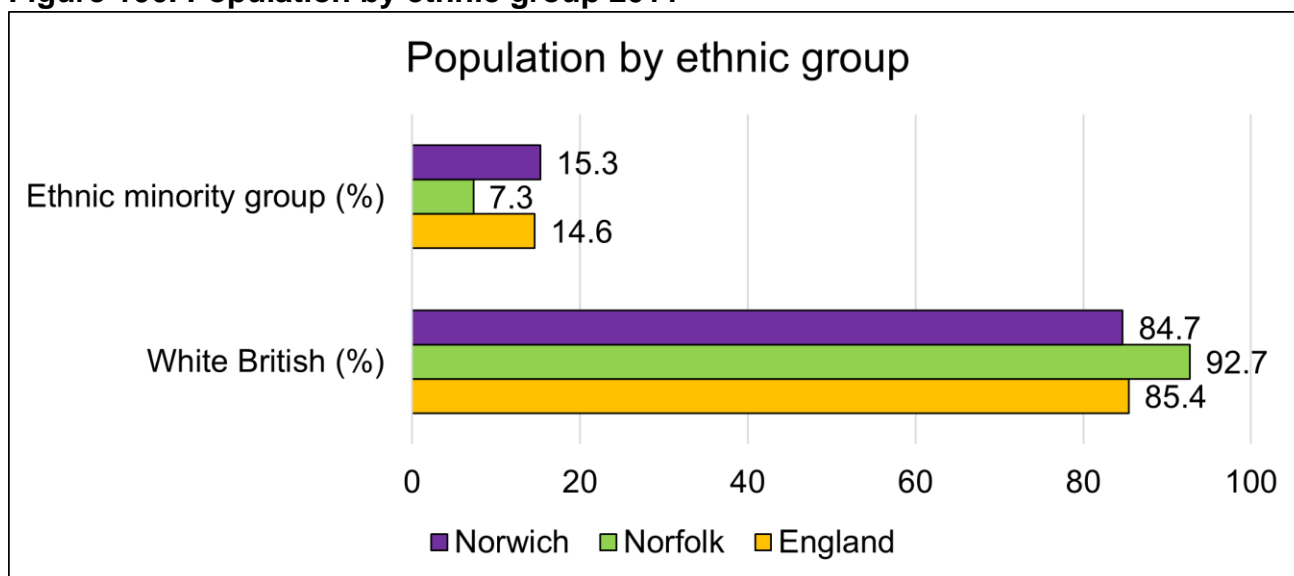
Population

Figure 105. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's
Norwich	1,093	1,296	1,344	1,327

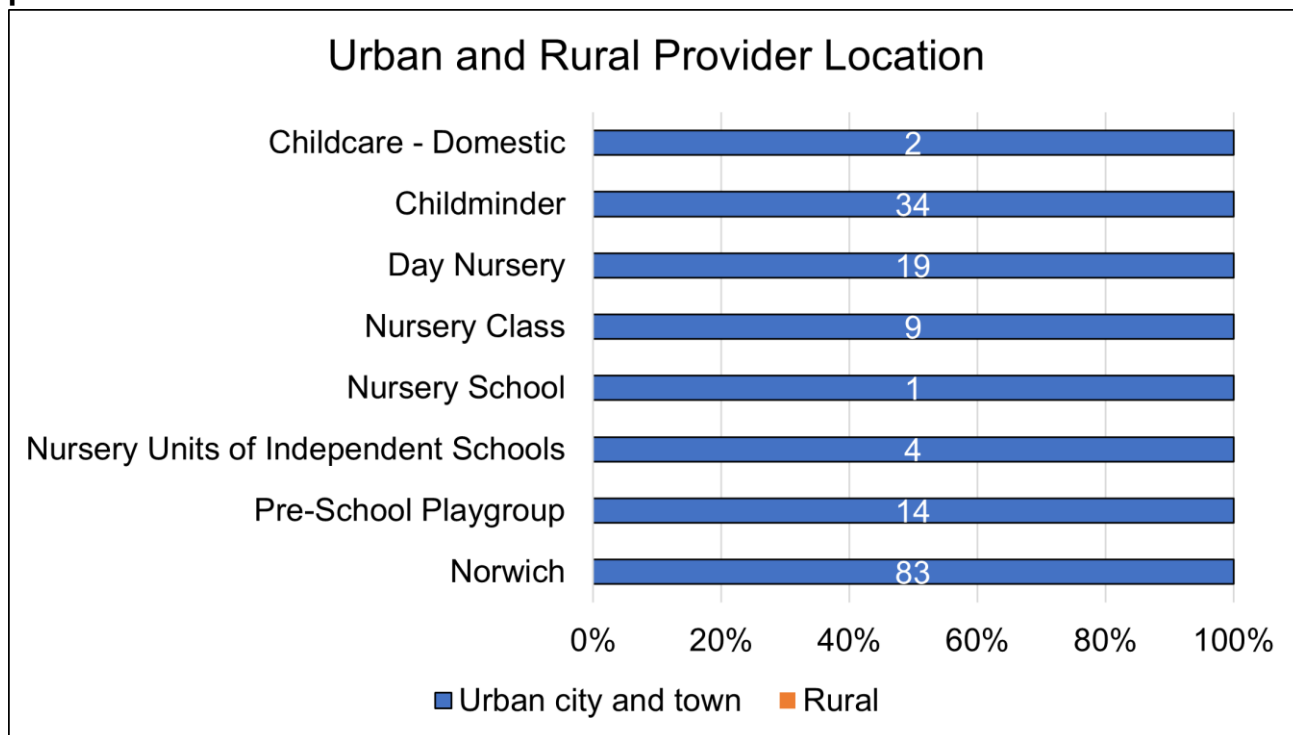
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Figure 106. Population by ethnic group 2011



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Figure 107. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 108. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
Norwich	446	1,511	190
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year-olds

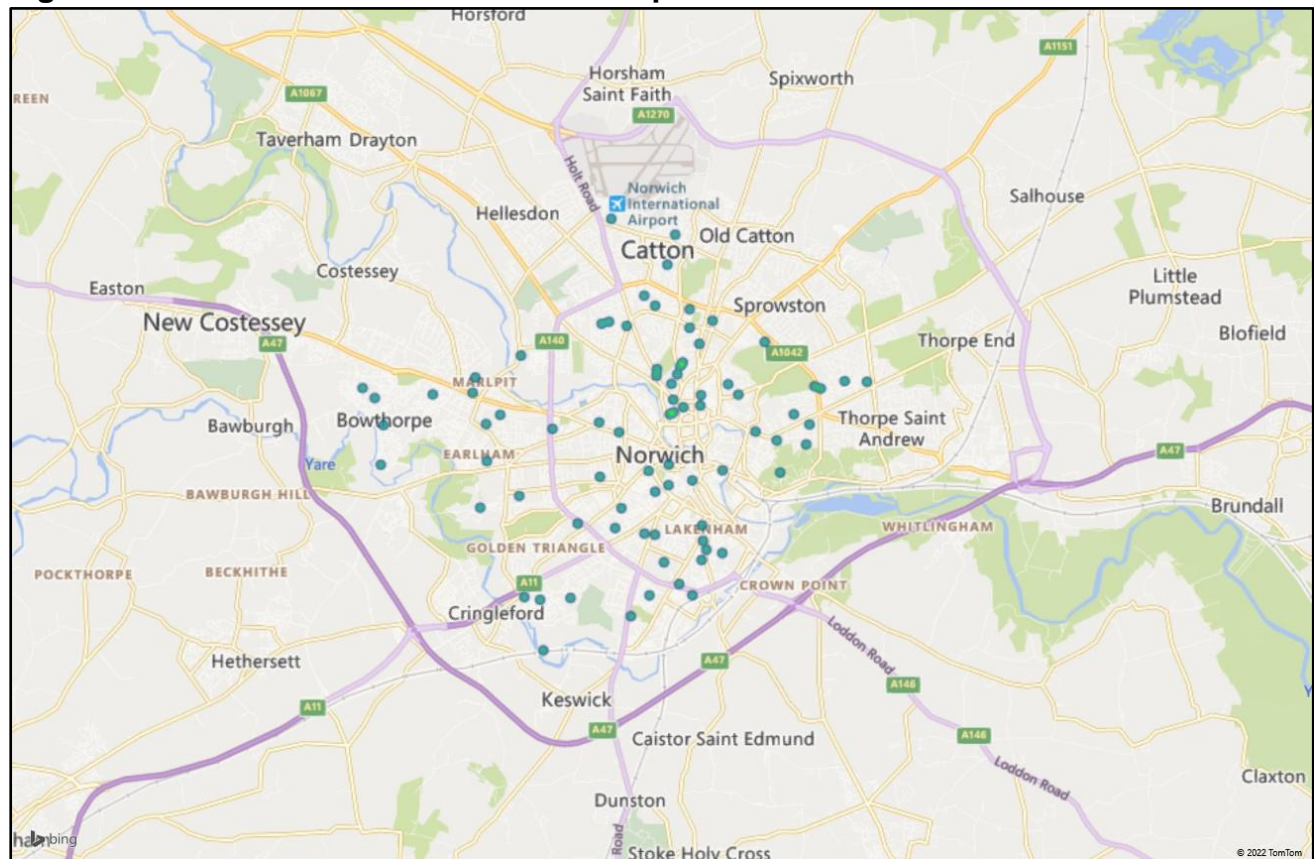
Figure 109. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Norwich	17	10	21	3	18	69
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 110. Location of Norwich childcare providers



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Figure 111. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Norwich	120	880	575	212	940	2,727
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 112. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
Norwich	54	496	167	0	156	873
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 113. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
Norwich	£4.72	£5.51	£5.03
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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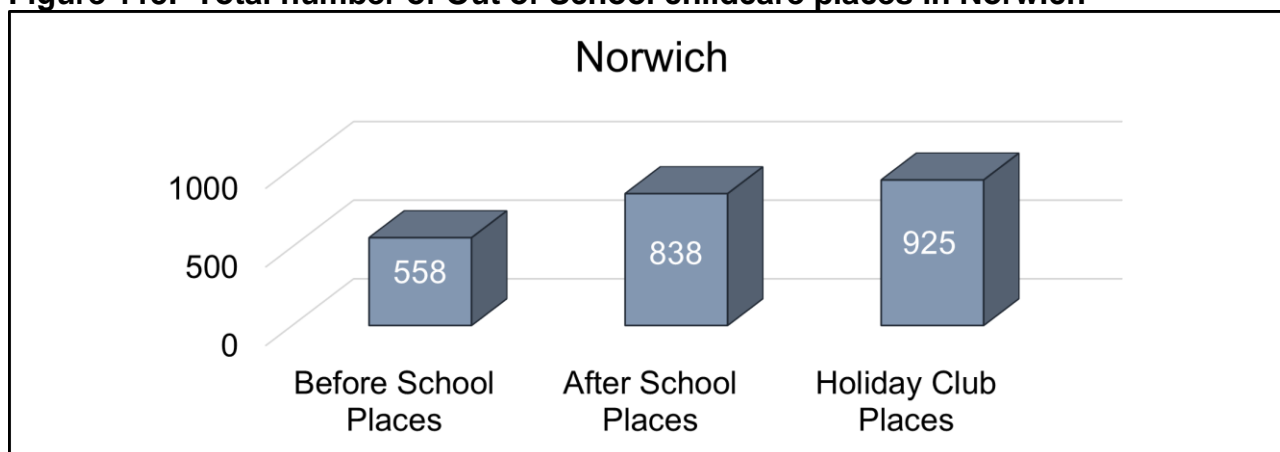
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 114. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14 to 18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
Norwich	14,055	89	14,144

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Figure 115. Total number of Out of School childcare places in Norwich



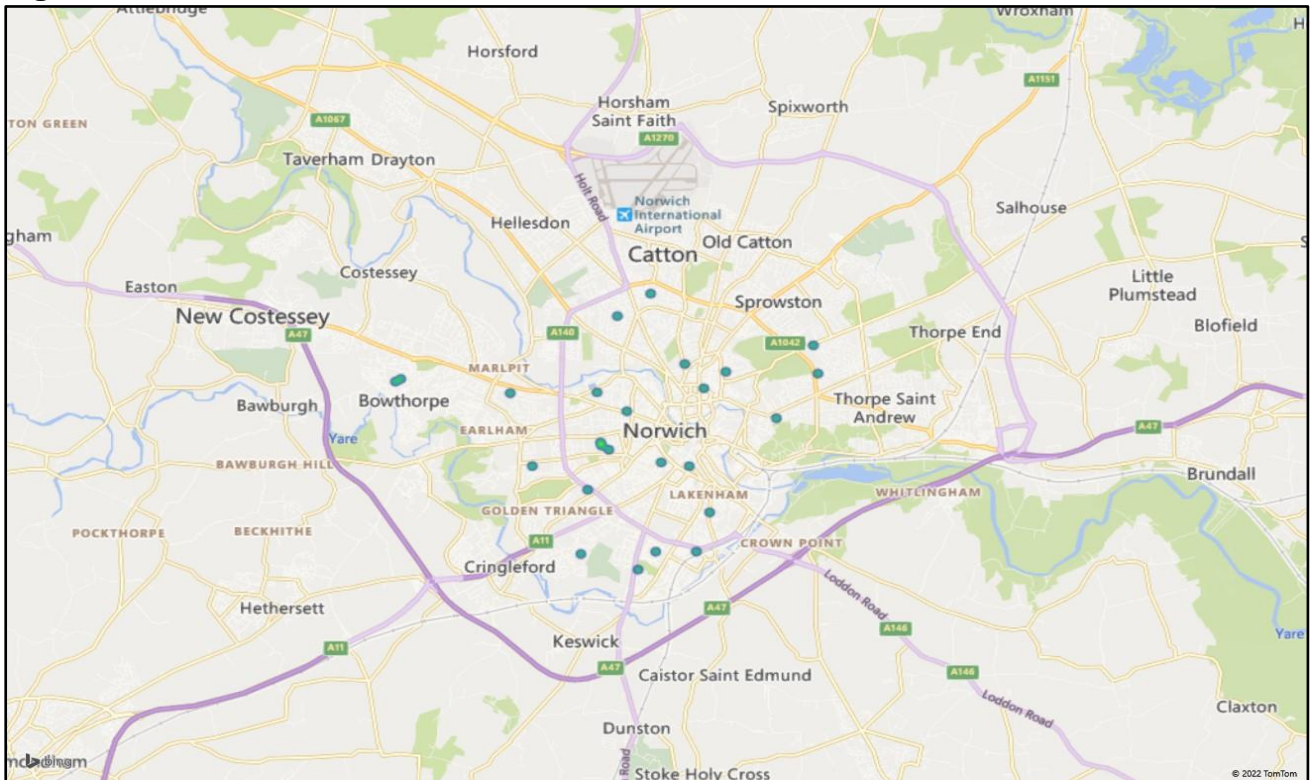
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Figure 116. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
Norwich	£2.10	£10.15	£19.40
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

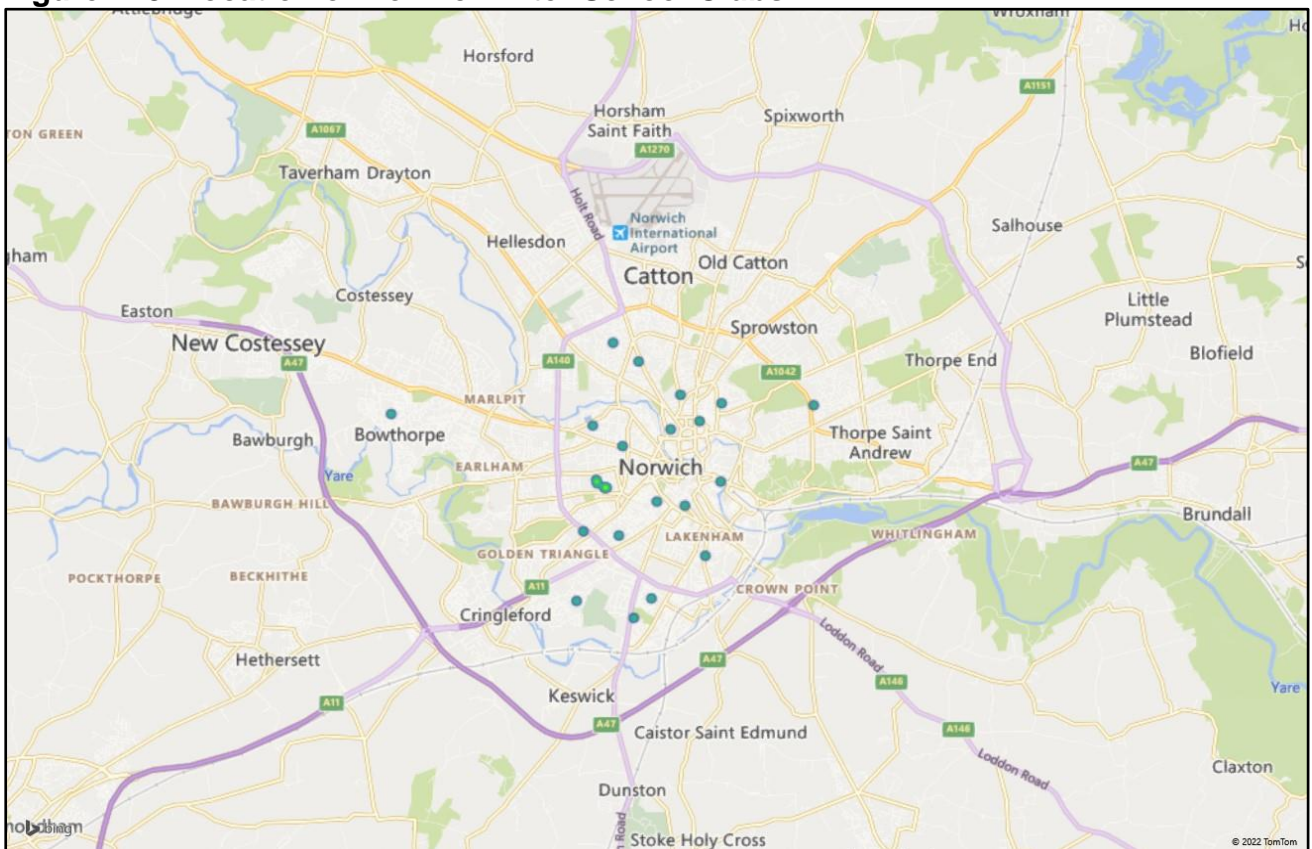
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Figure 117. Location of Norwich Breakfast Clubs



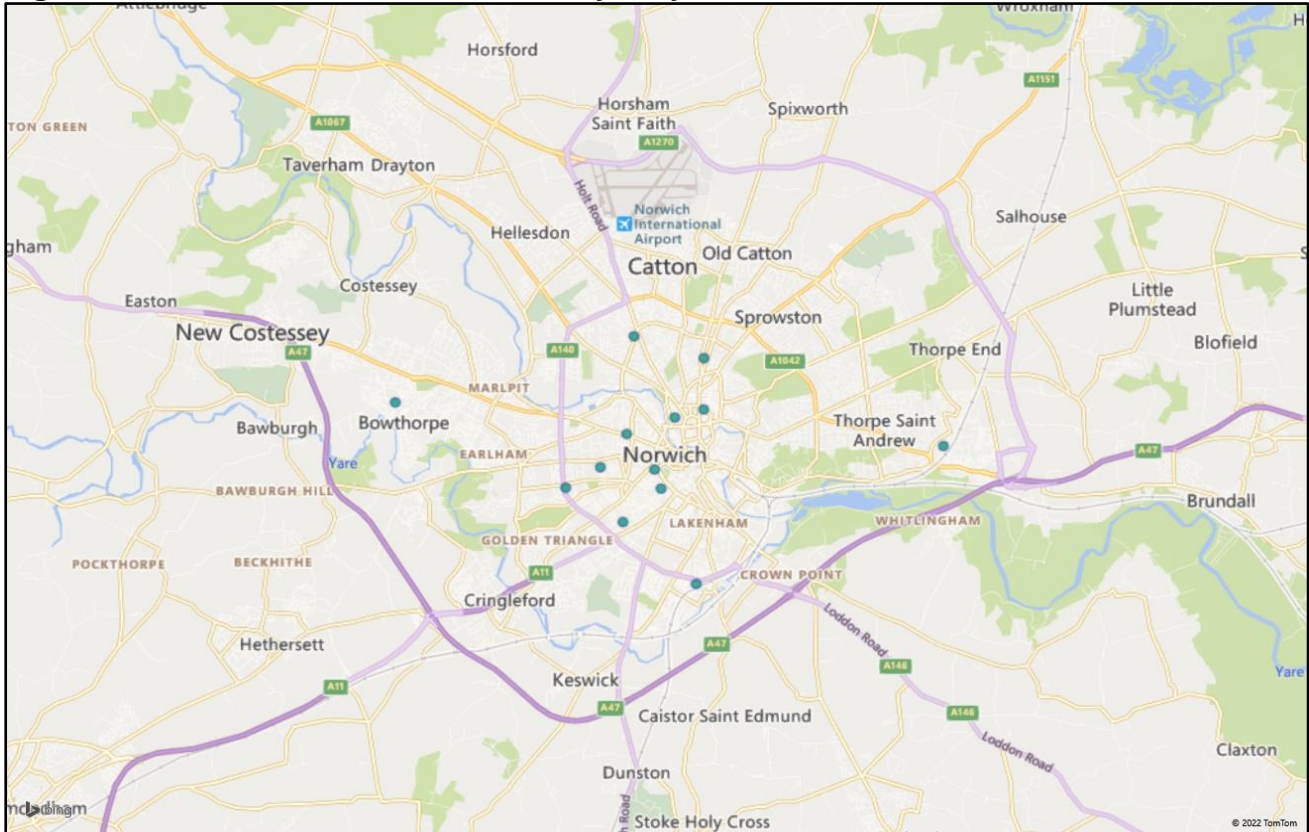
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Figure 118. Location of Norwich After School Clubs



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Figure 119. Location of Norwich Holiday Playschemes



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Norwich Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 111 & 112 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 and 4 year-olds - **2,727**
 - 2 year-olds – **873**
 - Total – **3,600**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **2,671** children in 2 to 3 year-olds and 3 to 4 year-olds academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for both 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the borough

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Current and future housing projects in the Greater Norwich Growth Triangle will increase the demand for early years provision

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the Norwich City area will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand

11.7 South Norfolk



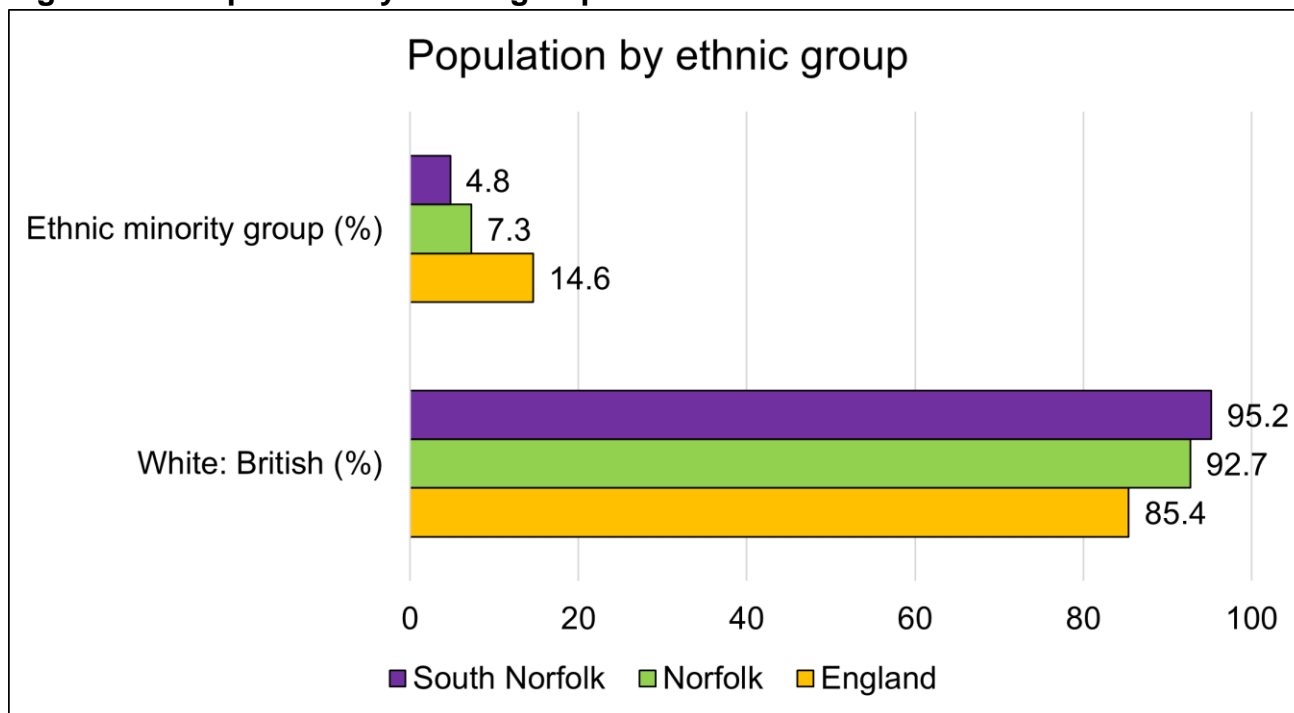
Population

Figure 120. Table of population of early years children

District	0-1's	1-2's	2-3's	3-4's
South Norfolk	1,068	1,320	1,295	1,406

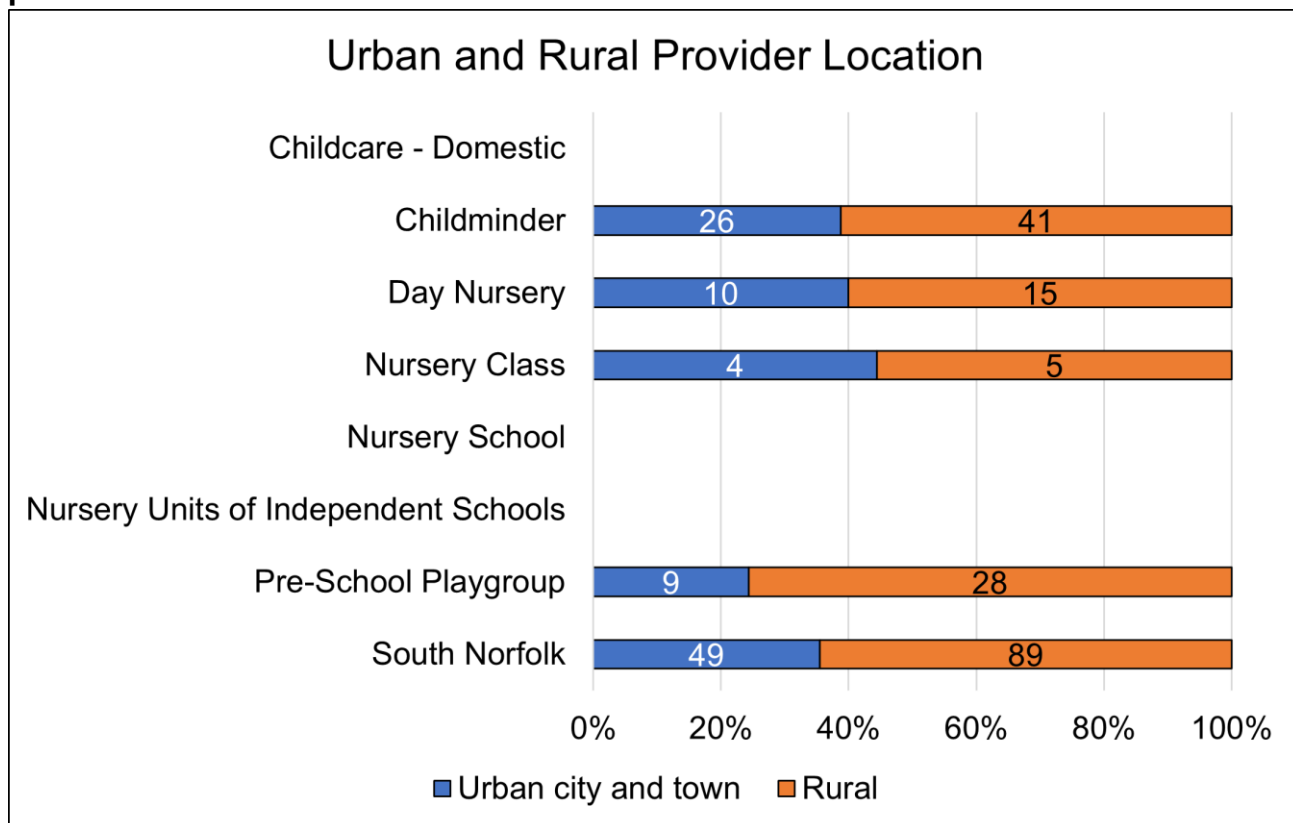
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Figure 121. Population by ethnic group 2011



Source: 2011 Census

Figure 122. Comparison of numbers of urban and rural location of childcare provision



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Projected Housing growth

Figure 123. Forecast child yield of children aged 3 and 4 from current planning consents for new housing

District	Estimated completed homes from planning consents 2021 to 2023	Estimated completed homes from planning consents beyond 2023	Estimated number of additional 3 to 4 year-old childcare places required
South Norfolk	1,413	1,491	282
Norfolk	7,167	8,562	1,526

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Sufficiency of childcare places for 0 to 5 year-olds

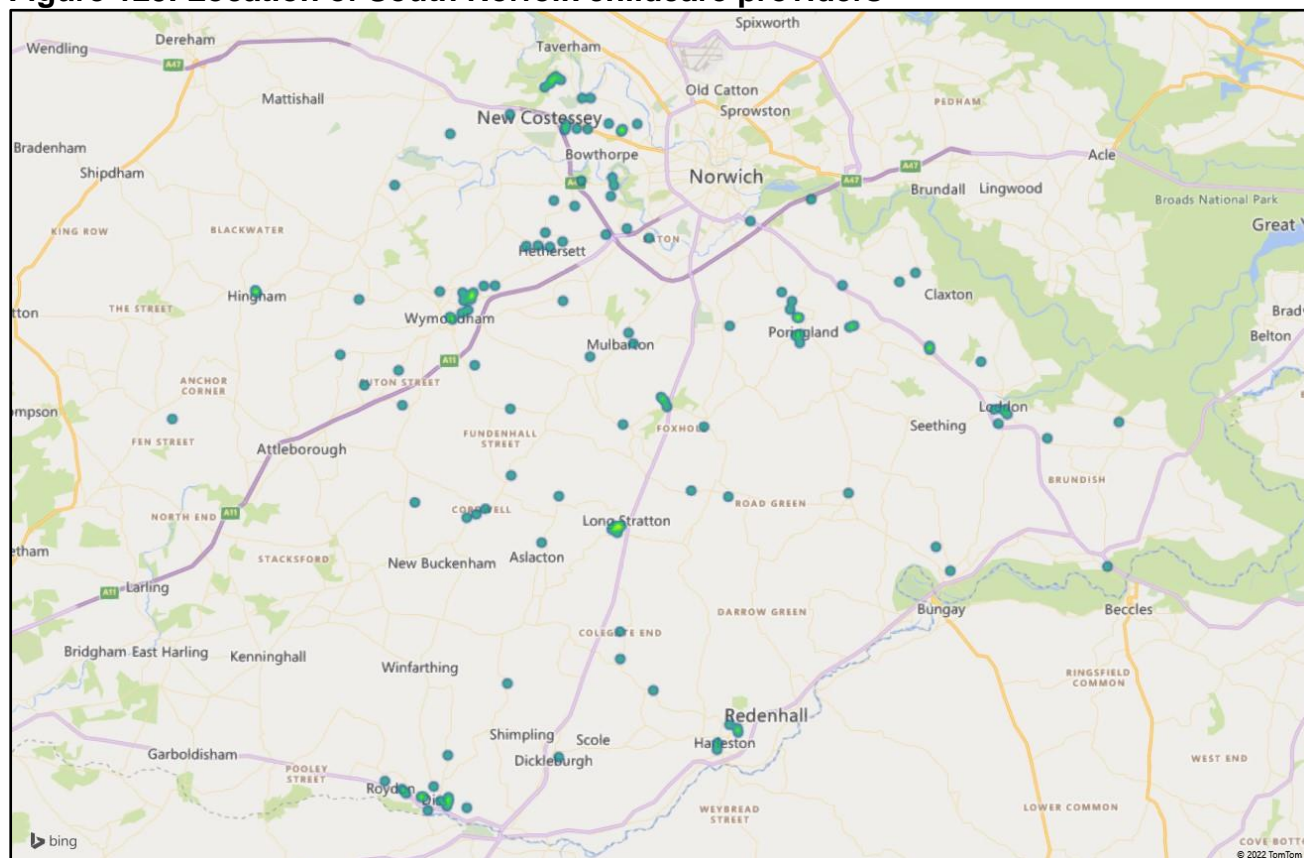
Figure 124. Number of childcare providers offering funded early education entitlement places by district council, August 2022

District	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
South Norfolk	25	31	46	0	15	117
Norfolk	130	129	248	8	122	637

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 125. Location of South Norfolk childcare providers



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Figure 126. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 3 and 4 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
South Norfolk	236	1,263	853	0	556	2,908
Norfolk	1,226	6,000	4,276	588	5,084	17,174

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 127. Number of reported funded (15hr) places available for 2 year-olds by Group Providers (July 2022)

District	Childminder and childcare-domestic (PVI)	Day nursery (PVI)	Pre-school playgroup (PVI)	Nursery units of independent schools (PVI)	School Run*	Total
South Norfolk	116	634	370	0	58	1,178
Norfolk	598	3,045	1,659	198	610	6,110

*Includes Nursery classes, Nursery schools and school governor run provision under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.

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Figure 128. Average charge per hour for early years childcare by type and district

District	Childminders and childcare-domestic	Day nursery (full daycare)	Pre-school playgroups (sessional)
South Norfolk	£4.52	£5.66	£4.59
Norfolk average	£4.45	£5.39	£4.70

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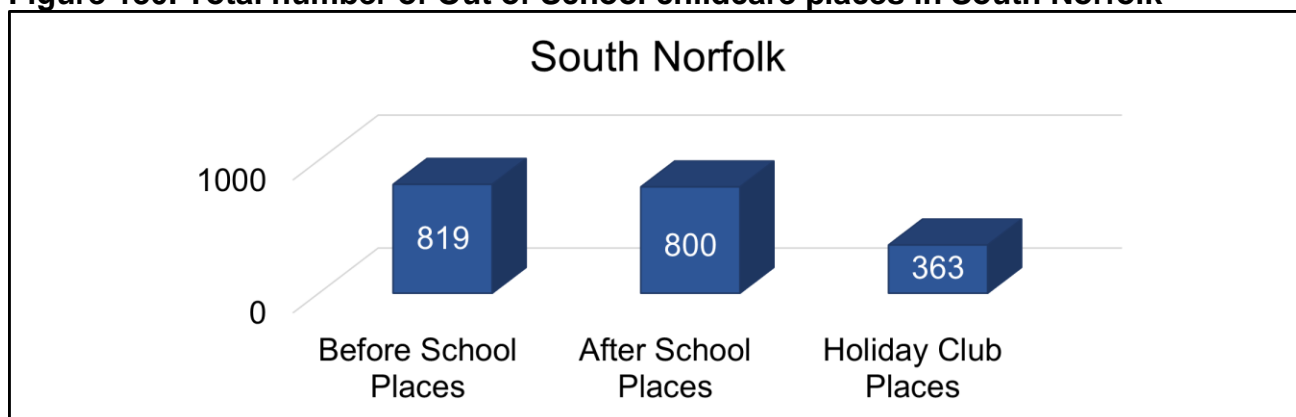
Childcare for children over 5 years old

Figure 129. Table of population of children aged 5 to 14 including 14 to 18 year-olds on the CWD Register

District	5-14's	14-18's CWD Register	Total
South Norfolk	14,688	77	14,765

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Figure 130. Total number of Out of School childcare places in South Norfolk



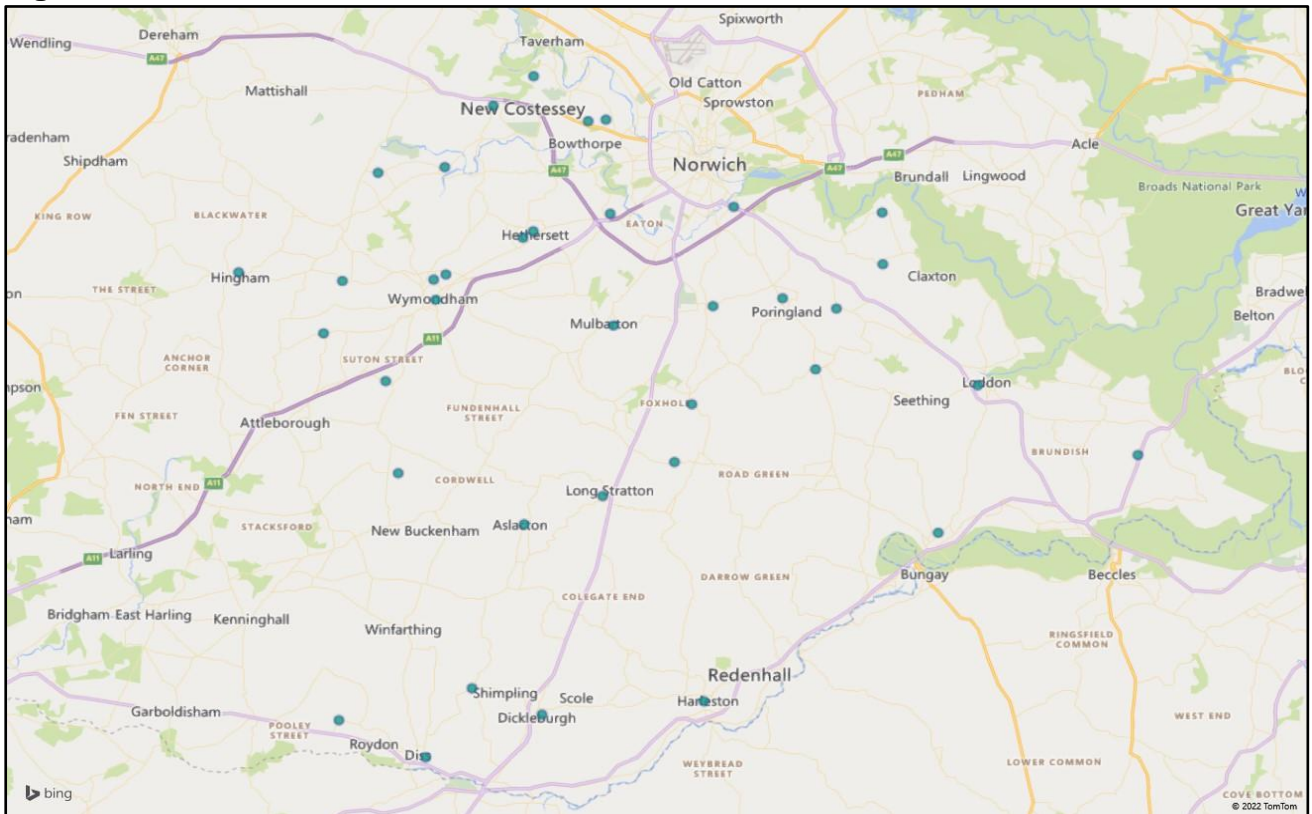
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Figure 131. Average costs for Out of School childcare by provider type and district

District	Breakfast Club Session (cost per session)	After School Session (cost per session)	Holiday Playscheme (cost per day)
South Norfolk	£3.46	£9.77	£25.39
Norfolk average	£2.64	£8.47	£24.75

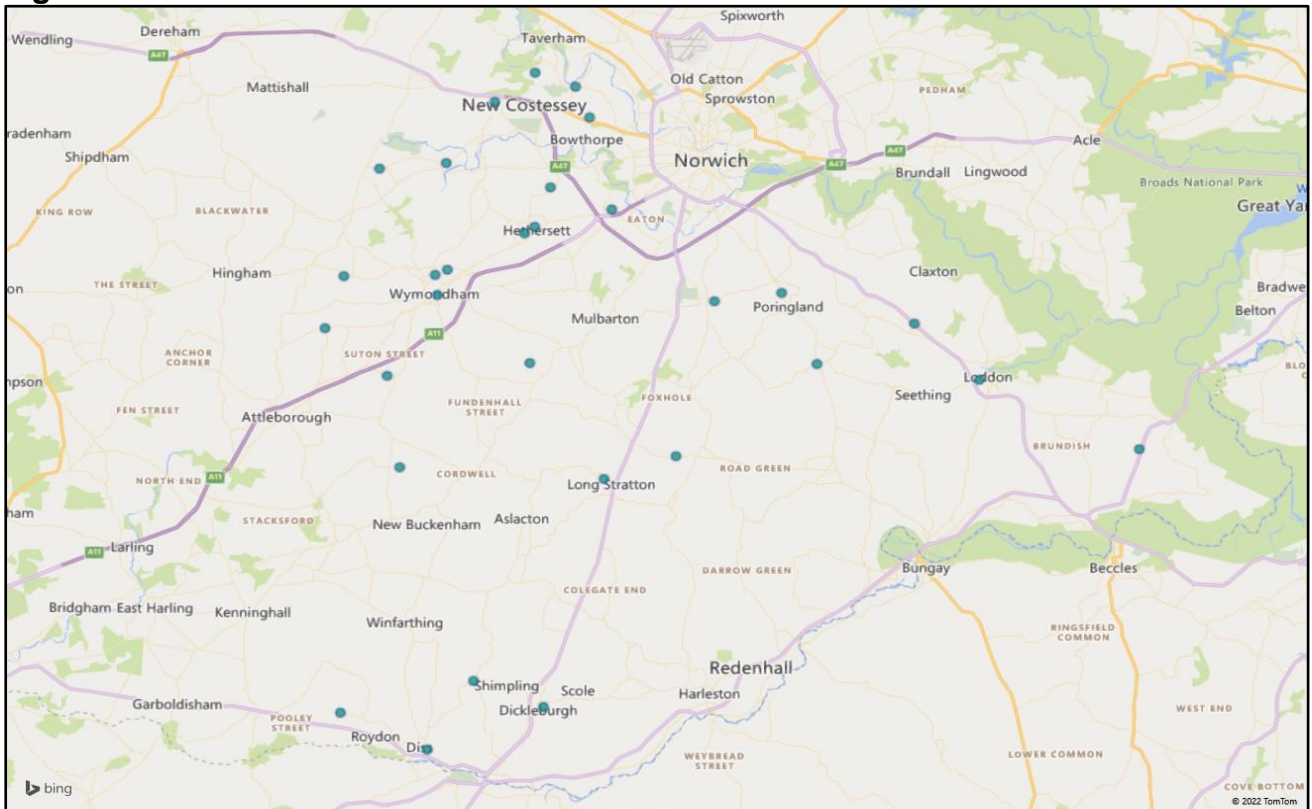
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Figure 132. Location of South Norfolk Breakfast Clubs



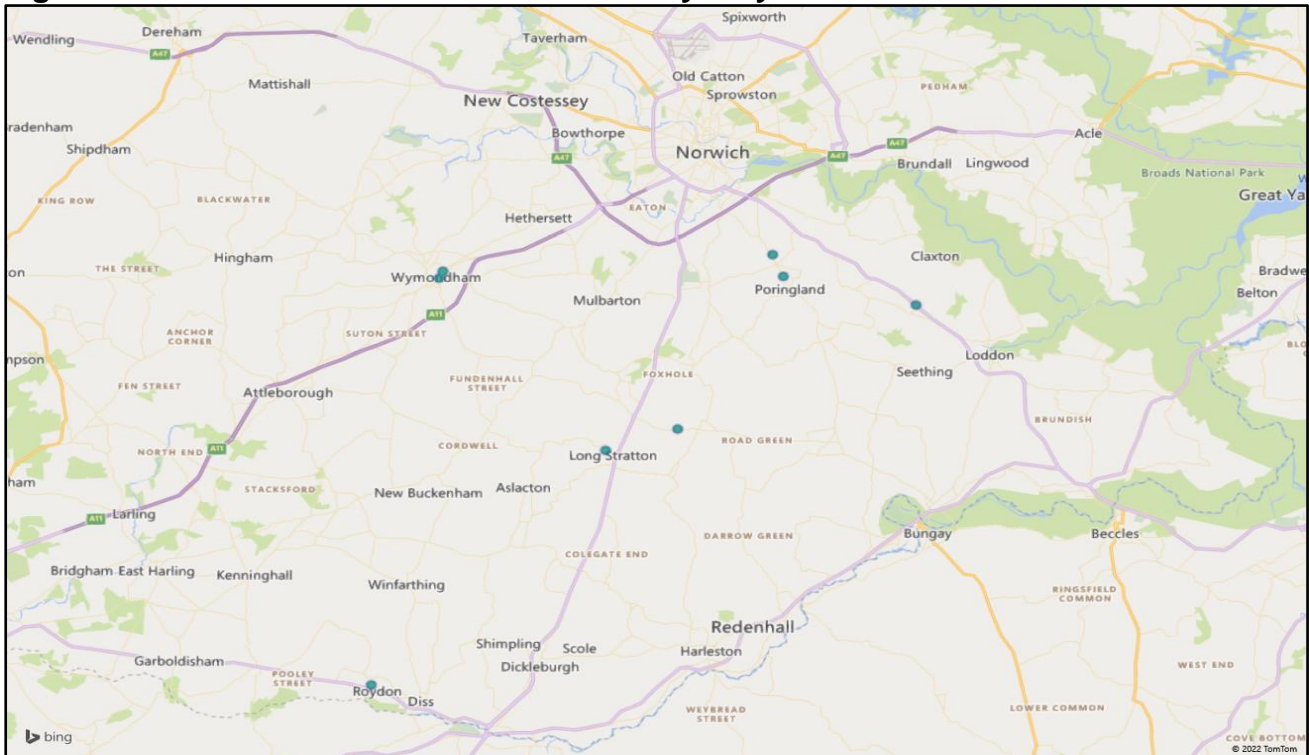
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Figure 133. Location of South Norfolk After School Clubs



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Figure 134. Location of South Norfolk Holiday Playschemes



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South Norfolk Area Sufficiency Assessment

Supply and demand

- From Figures 126 & 127 the average number of early years funded places is
 - for 3 to 4 year-olds - **2,908**
 - 2 year-olds – **1,178**
 - Total – **4,086**
- According to the Child Health Information service there are **2,701** children in 2 to 3 year-olds and 3 to 4 year-olds academic year group
- Take-up of funded early years childcare for 2, 3 & 4 year olds is good
- Supply and demand analysis on the figures above show there is **sufficient** childcare to meet the childcare needs of parents across the district

Risk factors

- Nationally and locally, there is a steady decline being seen in birth rate, this could mean a number of childcare providers struggle with sustainability issues until the decline stops
- Current and future housing projects in Cringleford, Costessey, Diss, Easton, Harleston, Hethersett, Loddon, Long Stratton, Poringland and Wymondham will increase the demand for early years provision in these areas

Recommendations

- The sufficiency information for the South Norfolk district will be monitored to ensure there is sufficient and flexible provision to meet parental demand

Previous versions of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment are available at

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